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Sadness as shop closes over 'new lease demand'

JORDAN **DAY**
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ONE of Ely's independent shops is closing – because the landlord insisted on a new 10-year lease, say its owners.

Ginette Heard and Christine Brown, who have run Yarn on the Square on the Market Place for six years, say they are "gutted" to be closing.

But their landlord, James Bateson, denies their only option was a 10-year lease.

Mr Bateson is the owner of Rannerlow Property Investment and Management – the firm which has just unveiled new plans to develop the 1960s retail and office block where Yarn on the Square is based.

This week Mr Bateson also submitted plans to the district council to develop the former Woolworth's site in Forehill – where the Bargain Superstore currently is.

Ginette and Christine are planning to close Yarn on the Square on Easter Saturday, although they will close sooner if their stock runs out.

Ginette said: "We can't commit to a new 10-year lease, and to be honest I don't think any other small independent businesses like us could either.

"We're gutted and our customers are terribly sad. We're more than a wool shop – we're a community facility where people come to do what they love and socialise.

"There was no room for negotiation with the lease, which is a shame, as we've been here for six years and paid our £16,500 annual rent every year.

"Neither Christine nor I are getting any younger, which is why we've had to say no. There really is very little support for independent businesses here in Ely, which is a shame."

Mr Bateson denied that the only option he gave Ginette and Christine was signing up for another 10 years.

He said: "I'm surprised by this claim. I've never been anything other than helpful to the ladies at Yarn on the Square and they told me they wanted to close due to ill health."

But Ginette and Christine say they would have happily signed up to a shorter lease.

Mr Bateson said that Platinum Properties, currently in Forehill, will be moving into the premises when Yarn on the Square closes.

Barry Lonsdale, chairman of the Ely Traders Association, said: "We're all gutted that Yarn on the Square is closing. It's a great independent business and its owners are members of the local chamber of commerce. "

Mr Bateson's plans for the Bargain Superstore in Forehill involve refurbishing the premises, partially demolishing the "unsightly" rear wing, which backs on to Three Cups Walk, and building six new townhouses and an apartment at the site.

He said: "We hope that this project will help to re-energize the city central district."

Mr Bateson's plans for the Market Place, which the Ely News featured last week, involve building 12 new apartments and enveloping the building in a new facade.

The original proposals, which were revealed to the public last year, involved building 21 apartments.

The plans, which have received a mixed reaction from residents to date, are going on display on Thursday and Saturday at the Ely Cathedral Centre on Palace Green.

The event will run from 12.30-2.30pm on both days when residents can view the plans in detail.

To view the plans for the Bargain Superstore site, visit eastcambs.gov.uk and search planning reference 16/00158/FUL. Alternatively, go to rannerlow.co.uk.

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PLANS: An artist's impression of the proposed building on Forehill, left. Above: Ginette Heard and Christine Brown, from Yarn on the Square.

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CHARITY

Ebony, 5, donates her doll's home to be auctioned for hospice

The little house that Ebony sold

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A SCHOOLGIRL has donated one of her much-loved doll's houses to help raise funds for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

Ebony Alda, 5, has two doll's houses and has decided to give her largest one to the charity so that it can be used to "help people who are poorly".

The toy has been lovingly restored by Bev Lorking, a long-standing volunteer at the hospice, and is now being auctioned to raise funds.

Ebony's dad, Steve, who lives with his family in Soham, said: "We first started talking to Bev when Ebony was 2 years old. She was standing on some grass and I pointed out a man walking his dog.

"He came over and started talking to us and it turned out that he often comes into my work – Ridgeons – to get bits of timber to build and renovate doll's houses.

"Over the years we have got to know him and learnt all about Arthur Rank Hospice."

Ebony's mum, Lucy, said: "Ebony has always loved her doll's houses but Bev gave her a smaller one which fitted into her room much better.

"He said he'd restore her original larger one and Ebony decided that rather than have two, she wanted to donate one to the Arthur Rank Hospice.

MOVING HOUSE: From left: Ebony Alda, dad Steve, Arthur Rank volunteer Bev Lorking, mum Lucy and brother Alfie

"She's always thinking of others. Even when she earns 20p for doing a job around the house, she puts it in the pot we have for our family holiday, rather than keeping it for herself or spending it on sweets."

Measuring 2.3ft high, just over 2ft deep and 2.4ft across, the doll's house has a bright red front door and furniture including everything from a shower to bedside table lamps.

When asked what the best thing about the doll's house is, Ebony said: "It will raise lots of money as it's so big with lots of different rooms and furniture. The purple bedroom is the best."

The hospice is now selling the doll's house on eBay.

Dawn Easby, the charity's communications officer, said: "It was a delight to meet Ebony and hear about why – at such a tender age – she wanted to help the hospice.

"We hope people will feel motivated to share the story of her doll's house donation with their friends and people who they think might be interested in bidding on it.

"We'd love to generate some interest and conversation around it to help increase bids and raise an amount to equal her generosity."

■ Bids are invited until Monday, February 29, at 3.30pm with a starting price of £0.99.

The listing can be found online at *ebay.co.uk/itm/381549947357*.

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EMERGENCY

Two people injured in four-vehicle collision on A142

TWO people were injured in a four-vehicle collision in Soham on Tuesday.

Emergency services, including the East Anglian Air Ambulance, were called to the collision on the A142 at around 12.50pm.

A police spokeswoman said the collision involved an Audi A4, an Audi A6, a Renault Megane and a Ford Transit van.

A spokesman for the East of England Ambulance Service Trust said that it sent two ambulance crews, the air ambulance, a rapid response vehicle and an ambulance officer to the scene.

He said: "We treated two patients. One was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the other was taken to West Suffolk Hospital.

"Both patients suffered minor injuries."

The road was closed between Hasse Road and East Fen Drove, with a diversion set up through East Fen Common, while the vehicles were recovered.

Ofsted awards top marks to local pre-school

STAFF, children and parents at Rainbow Pre-school in Ely are on a high.

The pre-school, in Downham Road, has been rated as outstanding in all areas by Ofsted.

Following their visit last month, inspectors said: "The well-established, qualified team work efficiently together to support each other and develop their skills to enable children to achieve at the highest level.

"The quality of teaching is consistently outstanding. Staff intuitively build on children's interests to provide rich experiences.

"Staff are superb role models who consistently support children to learn what is and is not acceptable behaviour."

CELEBRATIONS: Rainbow Pre-School in Ely has been rated as outstanding by Ofsted. PICTURE: Keith Jones

EMERGENCY

999 chiefs sorry for 90-minute response

AMBULANCE chiefs have apologised after a teenage cyclist who was hit by a car in Ely had to wait an hour and a half for an ambulance to arrive.

The collision involving a car and a bicycle happened in Stour Green at around 5.10pm on Monday.

The East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST) said that it received the 999 call at 5.07pm and that a senior paramedic arrived on scene within 20 minutes. However, an ambulance did not arrive until 6.35pm.

AN EEAST spokesman said: "We would like to apologise to the patient for the wait and any further distress this may have caused.

"The patient was treated for minor back pains but required hospital treatment and unfortunately, given the demand at the time, we were only able to get an ambulance on scene at 6.35pm.

"The patient did however have constant medical attention from a senior paramedic until the arrival of the ambulance at which point he was taken to Addenbrooke's.

"We would ask the patient to get in touch if they have any questions or concerns."

CRIME

Police warning over doorstep jewellery scam

JORDAN **DAY**
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SCAMMERS trying to persuade people to sell their gold and jewellery on the doorstep are targeting residents in the Ely area.

Police say one local elderly lady was persuaded by a man to sell the entire contents of her jewellery box for just £50.

Speaking on the Policing East Cambridgeshire Facebook page, a spokesman said: "Reports of house to house callers visiting homes in Ely, approaching elderly and vulnerable residents, persuading them to sell gold and jewellery at the doorstep.

"This is not ethical practice and we strongly advise people to speak to their relatives and friends to give practical advice – and to say no on the doorstep.

"The reports that we have received have included a male talking his way into the address of an elderly lady, and then evaluating the content of her jewellery box, for which she was paid just £50.

"In this instance the lady felt obliged to sell due to the pressure of having this man in her home."

Sgt Phil Priestley, who is based at Ely station and is a member of the East Cambridgeshire Proactive Team, said: "We are working with Trading Standards on these matters and we follow such reports up robustly.

"This is not ethical business behaviour – if anyone would like to sell personal items it's clear that there are a number of reasonable options.

"It is not necessary to have prospectors calling door to door – particularly where it is evident that the resident is elderly or easily confused or intimidated."

Anyone with any information about the incidents is urged to call police on 101.

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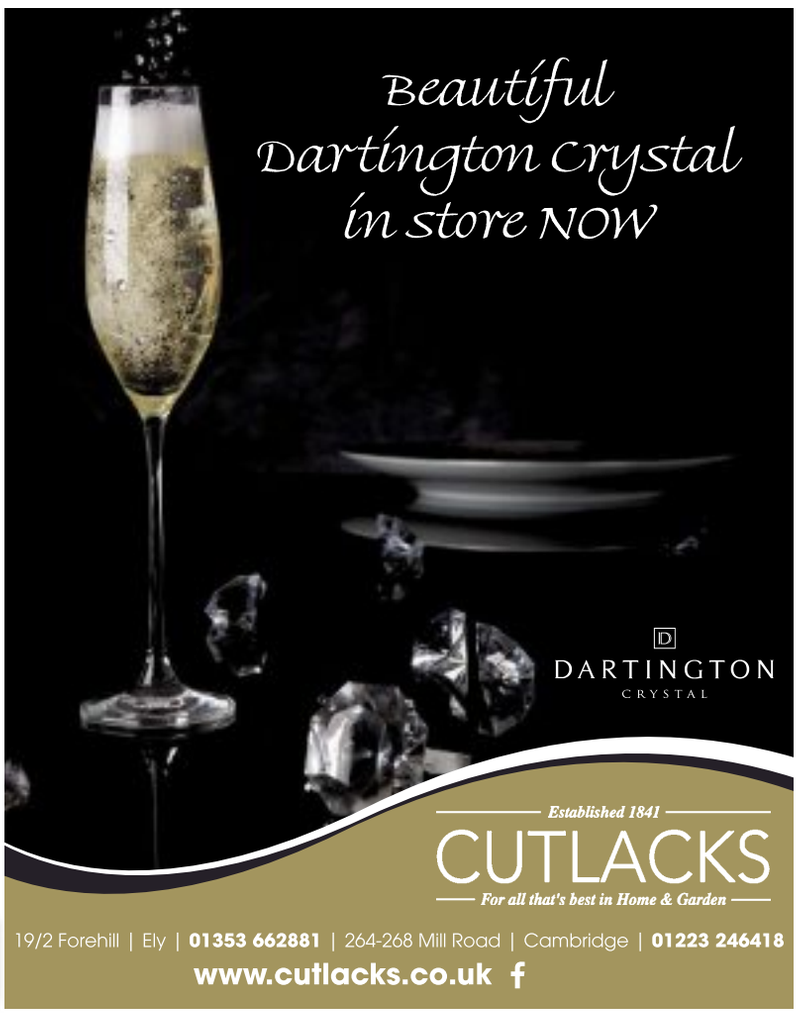

NEWS IN BRIEF

Waterside plans lodged

OUTBUILDINGS on Ely's Waterside look set to be renovated into homes.

Swavesey-based firm, Identified Developments, has applied to the district council for planning permission to convert three outbuildings on land east of 43-53, Waterside, into three residential dwellings.

To view the plans, go to eastcambs.gov.uk and search planning reference 16/00026/FUL.

New bus shelters for Ely's Market Street

FOUR new bus shelters have been erected in Ely's Market Street.

The district council paid for the new shelters and a spokesman said the old ones had "deteriorated significantly" and were "heavily scratched".

Charity ball at cathedral

A CHARITY ball at Ely Cathedral is raising funds for Grief Encounter, a charity which helps children through bereavement.

The black tie event is being held in the Lady Chapel on Saturday, March 5 from 7pm until midnight.

There will be a four-course meal, live entertainment and silent auction. Tickets are £750 for a table of ten. Call Jason Fretwell on 07881 373120.

DEVELOPMENT

Firm appointed to build new school and leisure complex

CONSTRUCTION company Morgan Sindall has been appointed to build the £37.5m new education and leisure centre complex in Littleport.

The firm made the announcement on Friday.

The Cambridgeshire County Council project, which secured planning permission in September, is already under way and the complex will boast an early years school, primary school, three-storey secondary school, special needs school, and a community leisure facility.

The project will be completed in three phases. Bob Ensch, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "We're looking forward to utilising our vast experience of working on world-class schools to deliver this great facility.

"The Littleport complex will not only be a comprehensive educational centre but an inclusive community hub with great leisure facilities."

More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

SPRINGWATCH: Lucy Emms and Lily Clayton, both 5, with snowdrop artwork, right. Above: Brothers Samuel, 9, and Harry, 5, with their moles

PICTURES: Richard Patterson

Spring is in the air at museum

SPRING was the theme of Ely Museum's half-term children's event last Thursday.

Youngsters were able to make their own novelty bunny masks and toy moles using old black tights.

The little visitors also made snowdrop cards and nutritious food for wild birds using seeds and lard.

Sarah Brown, the museum's assistant curator, said: "We always run an event like this for the children during the school breaks and this one proved really popular.

"It was fully booked and the moles that the children made were particularly cute." Visit elymuseum.org.uk for details of upcoming events at the museum.

CRIME

Dumped horses moved off land

JORDAN **DAY**
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HORSES which had been 'fly-grazing' on land in Mepal have finally been removed – although it's not known where they have gone.

Nine Cob-type horses had been grazing on a field at Manor Farm without the permission of the land's owner – the Church Commissioners.

The horses' owners had reportedly not tended to them for at least six months and many villagers had taken it upon themselves to feed the horses.

But a fortnight ago, the Church Commissioners' agents, Savills, decided to get a company called 24 Hour Bailiffs involved to try and track down the animals' owners.

The firm placed 'abandonment notices' at the site on February 12 and gave the owners until midday on Monday to remove them from the field. According to locals, the horses were removed either last Thursday or Friday.

MOVED: Two of the horses which have now been moved

Gary Goy, from 24 Hour Bailiffs, based in Kent, said: "Sadly we deal with fly-grazing all the time. The police haven't got the resources to deal with it and the animal charities aren't interested if the horses aren't suffering.

"These horses had been dumped on the land and not tended to by their owners for months on end. Fortunately they were all in good condition, the only issue was that they were there illegally."

Under the Control of Horses Act 2015, land owners have the power to find suitable homes for horses that are abandoned or have them removed by bailiffs who will then either find homes for them, sell them or, as a last resort, have them euthanised.

Gary said: "These horses are lucky. If the owners hadn't removed them in time we would have had to take further action. Obviously we always do everything in our power to find homes for them or sell them, but even if we sell them we never really know what's going to happen to them.

"We'd been inundated with people offering homes for these horses as people had put the fact abandonment notices had been issued on social media.

"Because the animals have now been taken away by their owners, to where we do not know, we will now contact all those people to thank them for their support."

POLITICS

Lorna wins by-election in Sutton

LORNA Dupre, pictured, has been elected as the new county councillor for the Sutton division.

The Liberal Democrat, who lives in Sutton and is a district councillor for the village, won the by-election last Thursday with 1,063 votes.

There were four candidates in total – Mike Bradley (Conservative), who had 651 votes, Pete Bigsby (UKIP), who got 208 votes, and Owen Winters (Independent), who had 102 votes.

A total of 2,034 people voted, which is a 31.6 per cent turnout.

The by-election was held following the death of long-serving Cllr Philip Read in December.

EMERGENCY

Chimney fire sparks plea

RESIDENTS are being urged to get their chimneys swept at least once a year following a blaze in Stretham.

Firefighters were called to a chimney fire at a property in Top Street at around 6.20pm on Friday.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "A chimney was well alight and the crew from Ely used chimney rodding and small gear to put the fire out.

"The cause of the fire was accidental.

"Please ensure you get your chimney swept and brickwork inspected at least once a year to help prevent a chimney fire."

CHEERS!: Terri Baker and Christine Lockwood enjoy a pint.

BELOW LEFT: Organisers Bruce King and Phil Bambrick.

PICTURES: David Johnson

More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

Pints raise funds for village church

ALE lovers were in their element in Sutton at the weekend.

The village's annual winter beer festival was held at St Andrew's Church on Friday and Saturday.

Visitors enjoyed trying dozens of ales and ciders, plus there was hot food and live music.

The festival took place on both evenings and on the Saturday afternoon there was a special family session.

Church council member Bruce King, who organises the event, said: "This was our third winter beer festival and it was definitely our best yet.

"We had over 300 people through the doors and raised around £1,500 for church funds, which we're delighted with."

The church's summer beer festival is taking place from July 28-30.

COURT

Couple chased burglars

JOSH **THOMAS**
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AN elderly man and his wife chased down two brothers in a Transit van after catching them burgling their home.

Sean Hedges, 26, and Levi Hedges, 22, of Whitecross Road, Wilburton, appeared at Cambridge Crown Court last Wednesday and both were found guilty of burglary.

Giving evidence, William King, 69, told the court that he and his wife had returned to their bungalow in Gravel End, Witcham, having been shopping in Ely on August 7 last year, to find a Ford Transit van in their driveway.

As Mr and Mrs King pulled up, they said the van "roared" out of the yard and the couple, who were in an Opel Astra, gave chase until they had cornered the van and the police had arrived.

Mr King said: "As we got to the bungalow, we saw a Transit pick-up truck parked in front of our shed.

"As I parked, the van roared out of the yard. As quickly as possible, I reversed and followed them down the drive."

Mr King said that, after a while, the van stopped and the passenger got out and approached the Kings' car as though he wanted to talk.

Mr King told the court he slowed down but that, as soon as he did so, the van took off again.

"I followed the van," said Mr King. "As soon as we gave chase, we called the police straight away."

Mr King told the court the van doubled back on itself to pick up the passenger who had been left behind.

The couple were then able to follow the van and corner it until the police arrived.

"My thought was not to confront them any further," said Mr King.

"We just sat there and they did the same and sat in the cab of the van.

"It seemed like an eternity, but it was probably only about 10 minutes."

When police arrived and searched the vehicle, they found several items that had been taken from sheds on Mr King's property, including a diesel generator, an outboard motor, a strimmer, an electric pump and an agricultural grinder, as well as several large batteries.

The brothers denied the offence, saying they had been offered the items by Mr King and that he had deliberately tried to set them up.

However, the jury reached a unanimous verdict and the brothers were sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, which was suspended for two years.

They were both ordered to complete 150 hours of unpaid community work and Sean Hedges was told to pay £450 towards court costs.

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Please don't move our P.O.

IN last week's *Ely News* online I note that there are proposals to move Haddenham's Post Office to the Spar shop in the High Street.

This is a most ridiculous idea for several reasons. For those who don't know the layout of our High Street, the Spar shop is owned and developed in a way that has to be applauded up to now. With its friendly staff, it is a village shop of which to be proud.

The present Post Office is further down in a position it has occupied since at least 1950 when I first came here. It has had several owners all of whom have run it in a friendly, successful manner. Now, the Post Office national managers wish to move it to the Spar shop which is not such a good idea as it may seem. Where it is now, it is easy to access even for the disabled, as I am at present. Moving to a place where the Spar shop is will create a site of great congestion even now. The latter is very close to a busy A road crossroad and where there is already a bus stop. Cars already ignore double yellow lines on both sides of a narrow section, all obstructing traffic. When the delivery lorries for the Spar shop come they make an obstacle, but that is necessary of course. If the PO was moved in also there would be even more problems outside.

Inside the shop there are often queues of people waiting to check out at the desks and to add even more queues would be very stressful, especially if one has to cross one queue to get to the other and then cross again to leave the shop. The Post Office says it would all be for greater convenience of its clients. Please believe me when I say the opposite will be the case.

I really can see bedlam being created by this scheme and I have no wish to offend Mr Ken Walker, but I do think the Post Office should reconsider. If the present site is unprofitable – which I have difficulty in believing considering the numbers that use it – the PO, which is a "not-for-profit" organisation, must subsidise it. It acts for several banks now besides any other private trade of the owners.

Paul Mason
Haddenham

Happy to spend over a penny

I and other members of my family would all be happy to pay 20p to use the WCs, and have to do so almost everywhere else we go.

Ruth Morgan
Hills Lane
Ely

Pupils' work chosen for contest

THE Art Department at King's Ely is celebrating after discovering that six out of 20 finalists of the 2016 National Fashion and Textiles Competition are King's students.

Designs by Emily Claxton, Hollie Parker, Eleanor Mortimer and Jessica Nurse – and two pieces by Mia Takahara – have been shortlisted for the competition, which was launched to celebrate the achievements of fashion and textiles students aged 16 to 19.

The shortlisted pieces will be exhibited at the Olympia Knitting and Stitching Show in London this March, where the winning entries will be judged.

Work by the school's Year 12 and 13 students will be on display at the school's stand (G40) for the duration of the exhibition, which takes place from March 3-6.

Alison Rhodes, director of art at King's, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for the school and our students, considering it is a national competition with only 20 pieces shortlisted.

"We have had entries shortlisted every year but this is the most to date.

"Our stand at the exhibition will showcase our students' beautiful work. This is a wonderful opportunity to make links with valuable contacts that we use as part of their university applications."

Toilets need to stay open

I FIND it hard to believe that Ely is to lose so many public toilets.

As you get older you realise how important it is to have the use of several public toilets. I would rather pay, than lose the toilets all together.

One of our family members has a condition, which means having the use of a public toilet is crucial to his needs.

I hope East Cambs District Council reconsiders its decision to close these public toilets and to take into consideration the affect it will have on the disabled people, and other residents or visitors to Ely.

I hope that the vital consultations are actioned so that the public is able to voice its objections.

Julie Moodie
Ely

Has the council lost the plot?

IS East Cambridgeshire District Council losing the plot?

Wanting to put houses on Barton Road car park, when car parking space is already insufficient; Wanting to close city centre toilets; Wanting to build on a donated green area; Wanting to approve a boring design for the proposed sports centre and pool; Wanting to approve Market Square redevelopment which was totally out of keeping – thankfully a new design has recently been submitted which is better!

Yes, we are living in an age when councils are needing to save money, but the Ely area is growing all the time, bringing in more income, so we should be maximising its amenities and appeal for its residents.

Susan Hall
Chelmer Way
Ely

New designs are no better

THE Ely Market Place new design looks like the top half of an art-deco ocean liner – yuk. This no more fits in with the other buildings than the last drawing.

Is it not possible to have a more 'olde-world' brick façade with an ultra-modern interior?

This would sit more comfortably within the area of the cathedral and the beautiful building of Ward Gethin Archer but the flats inside would be very modern and appeal to the younger 'flaties'.

Margot Darby
Haddenham

Here is my suggestion

ONCE again the menacing monster raises its ugly head; and the building is pretty ghastly, too.

It looks like a vast barrack block or detention centre. To say that it will "integrate and complement the surrounding buildings" is stretching credulity a bit too far!

I have a suggestion. On the basis that restoration is preferable to desecration, why don't messrs. Rannerlee and company produce a design similar in architectural style to the much-loved and missed Corn Exchange and Public Room.

They would still make their millions, and in time, would gain a little respect and appreciation for having a social conscience.

Now there's a thought!

Dave Jackson
Witchford

What might have been

THE year was nineteen-thirty-five.
Two architects arranged
To meet in Ely's Market Place to
formulate some plans.
They met beneath the turret-clock
upon the Public Room,
Beyond which stood the Corn
Exchange, a-mouldering in the gloom.
'This place is Barchester', one said,
'and way behind the times.
Who needs Corinthian columns and
a cold assembly hall?

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Your pictures

REFLECTIONS: Shaun Brown, of Longfields, Ely, took this lovely photograph showing the skyline reflected in the river and silhouetted against the colourful clouds

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You'd think the king was George the Third instead of George the Fifth.
These buildings' days are numbered: sentimental let's not be.
A garden-city in the Fens: that's what the future holds.
Think: Welwyn, Letchworth, Bournville, Bognor, Weston-Super-Mare!'
His eyes gazed in a sightless stare as, deep within his brain,
He dreamt of demolition and a modernistic scheme.
'I see two rows of shops', he said, 'with workers' flats upstairs,
All built for happy families, of uniform design.
The local council should be pleased with all the revenue!'
'Well, I don't know, the other said, 'I rather like this town.
Plate-glass and uniformity are not its style at all.
Let's think: what's its vernacular, its quintessential mode?
It's daft and quirky, that's for sure, and based on rule of thumb.
The builders here all seem to keep, from their great-granddads' stores,
A stock of twelve-paned windows, five feet high and three feet wide.
They slap them into any old wall, irregularly placed.
Let's do the same, and take our lead, too, from this Public Room:
The clock, the sliced-off corner wall with balcony above.
"Give them the old familiar charm", that's what I always say.
It won't please Walter Gropius but he's not living here.'
Decision-time had come. His colleague broke in with the words: 'My plan's "Plan A" and yours, "Plan B": let's go for "Plan AB".
Janet Fairweather
Annesdale
Ely

Local views were ignored

Copy of a letter sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England:
I AM the current elected member for the Haddenham division on Cambridgeshire County Council (Aldreth, Little Thetford, Haddenham, Stretham, Wilburton, Wentworth, Witchford)

I am completely staggered that you appear to have formed your recommendations to Parliament completely ignoring the alternatives worked up by local county and district members together with local authority officers.

The proposals you were sent were the result of a lot of very hard work my many local people who have many years of local experience.

It appears also that you have also just cast aside the views of the village residents as expressed by the parish council's considered views expressed to you in letters.

"Littleport West" is indeed a real "dog's dinner" as Haddenham, Sutton and Littleport are completely different communities with individual needs and different viewpoints.

It is currently possible for one member to communicate with say x7 villages to have an intimate knowledge of most of the local issues and properly represent their division. Increasing the division from about 8,000 persons to nearly 20,000 even with two members will make the councillor's job very difficult indeed.

The x2 member "super division" would rule out the possibility of an independent council candidate being elected and democracy would suffer.

This division proposal is just one example of a multitude of major mistakes that your proposal includes. You have ignored local well considered views and have not conformed to many of your own rules.

This proposal cannot and must not stand.

I urge you to remain with the current divisions until something that at least shows a "nod" to local views, local opinions and common sense can be produced. The suggestions sent to you (which you appear to have completely ignored) were part of a hard, worked up proposal which at least was workable. Producing such a bad proposal as your's brings no credit to your organisation at all.
Bill Hunt
Cambridge Road
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Jocelyn Palmer
Ely Cathedral

No reason for staying in EU

EXCELLENT history lesson by Geoffrey Woollard (*Ely News*, February 18) but, unsurprisingly, not one reason to remain in the EU.

I would ask him, if we were not already members, would he fancy joining now?
David Webb
Dean Peacock Court
Ely

Rotary Club's gift to MSTC

ELY Rotary Club presented the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre with a cheque for £300 at a recent visit by Rotarian John Riley and his disabled wife Ann to the centre. Karen Jackson, Centre Assistant Manager of the MSTC welcomed the couple, and were photographed in front of the hyperbaric chamber, which is used to give High Dosage Oxygen Therapy to patients, who wear hoods for protection during the process.
Ann and John are both members of the MSTC.
The MSTC receives no funding from the NHS, and every penny is raised by members themselves and sponsors such as the Rotary Club of Ely.
Eric Grant
Ely Rotary Club

Family Announcements

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Deaths

BARRETT
Heather Mary

Passed away suddenly at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Friday 12th February 2016 aged 67 years.

Loving wife of Ian, mother of Samantha and Stuart. Heather was deeply loved by so many and will be sadly missed by all.

A Private Family Funeral Service will take place at Fenland Crematorium, March. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Ely on Monday 7th March 2016 at 2.30pm, all who knew Heather are welcome to attend.

Family flowers only please, by request, but donations, if desired for Cancer Research UK may be left at the service or sent c/o Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW Tel: 01353 666566

BROWN
Maureen (nee Oxer)

Of Ely

Passed away at Addenbrookes Hospital on Thursday 11th February, 2016 aged 72 years. Dearly loved wife of Tom, much loved mum of Philip and Sharon, dearest nanna to Ryan, Kier and Ethan and sister to Jean.

Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church Ely, on Monday 29th February at 2.00 p.m. followed by interment in Ely.

No flowers by request but donations if desired for The Lewin Stroke Ward, Addenbrookes Hospital (cheques payable to ACT) may be left at the service or sent to

C. E. Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham CB7 5BN 01353 720439.

It is requested that normal clothes be worn, no black ties or scarves please.

EAMES
Jack Herbert

of Chatteris

Passed away peacefully in Peterborough City Hospital on Monday 8th February 2016 aged 87 years.

Loving husband of Dorothy, dad to Pamela and John, father-in-law to Graham and Sheila, grandad to Kate, Ian, Charlotte, Laura, Keith and Emma, great grandpa to Ryan, Kelsie, Danielle and Harriett. Forever in our Hearts.

Funeral Service at Fenland Crematorium, March on Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Children with Cancer may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW Tel: 01353 666566

EDWARDS
May

Passed peacefully away at her home in Soham on Tuesday 16th February, 2016 aged 91 years.

Beloved wife of the late Tony, a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Funeral service to be held at St. Andrew's Church, Soham, on Thursday 25th February at 2.00 p.m. followed by interment at Soham.

Flowers and all enquiries please to C. E. Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham CB7 5BN 01353 720439

MASTERSON
Margaret

Of Soham, passed peacefully away on Tuesday 9th February, 2016 aged 66 years.

Beloved wife of Gerald, much loved mum, nanna and great-nanna.

The funeral has taken place.

Donation for the Cats Protection may be sent to C E Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham CB7 5BN

NICHOLS
Mary

of Ely

Passed away peacefully on Sunday 7th February 2016.

Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral Service is a Private Family Committal Service at Fenland Crematorium, March followed by a Celebration of Life Service at the Nyton Hotel, Ely, where all are welcome on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Pancreatic Cancer Research may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service 30 Forehill, Ely Cambs CB7 4AF Tel: 01353 666566

POPE
Rita

Of Ely

Passed away peacefully on Monday 15th February 2016 aged 76 years.

Wife of the late Ralph and loving mum to Bridget and John.

Committal first at Fenland Crematorium, March on Friday 4th March at 9:30 am followed by a Thanksgiving Service for her life at the Countess Free Church, Ely at 10:45 am.

No flowers but donations for Macmillan Cancer Support may be left at the service or sent to

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Acknowledgements

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Norma and family
of the late Bob Currie

Would like to thank family, friends and all who attended his funeral. Also, thank you for the many cards and messages of sympathy during their sad loss. Donations made to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity raised £510.

Thanks also to Ely Funeral Service.

In Memoriam

BOWERS
Pam

27th February - A year has passed Mum but our missing of you doesn't lessen
We hope that you and Dad are together on a rainbow up above

Much love from Susan, Pamela, Stuart, Jamie and Ian xxxxx

YOUNGS
Miriam

To a dear mum and nana, who passed away on 20th February 1996.

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SELL OUT: Mary's talk in Ely is on March 4.

Meet Mary Berry

QUEEN of baking, Mary Berry CBE, is coming to Ely next week.

Mary, doyenne of *The Great British Bake Off*, is talking about her book, *Foolproof Cooking*, at St Mary's Church on Friday, March 4.

Toppings, who organised the event, said that all tickets sold within 12 hours, however they have managed to secure an extra 100 booksigning tickets. Call (01353) 645005.

COMMUNITY

Zipwire project is relying on shoppers' votes

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

PUPILS at Little Downham Feoffees Primary School are a step closer to having a zipwire in their playground.

The Little Downham Zipwire Project has been shortlisted as one of three projects in the Ely area which will receive funding from the Tesco Bags of Help Community Grant Scheme.

But the amount awarded to each project will depend on the number of votes they receive from shoppers at Tesco in Ely between February 27 and March 6.

Tesco says it is unable to say what the other shortlisted projects are and that it is down to them to contact the press for extra support.

Jackie Wardle, clerk to Little Downham Parish Council, is delighted that the zipwire project has been chosen.

She said: "By chance I saw an advert for the funding and our project fitted the criteria. It was a very intense time to prepare a survey for our local school, collate the results, complete the application form and submit all within four workings days.

"It will be fantastic to give the pupils what they have chosen."

The results of the votes will be known around mid to late March.

HEALTH

A&E: Is it serious?

PEOPLE are being urged to avoid going to A&E unless they have a serious injury.

The plea comes after nearly 1,000 people turned up to the A&E department at Addenbrooke's over the weekend.

The hospital said that of the 990 patients who went along, 282 of them had minor injuries, including dental pain, finger injuries and even constipation.

COURT

Fraudster had gambling habit

JOSH **THOMAS**
@JoshThomasCN

A CONMAN cheated residents out of nearly £9,000 to fund his "corrosive" gambling addiction.

Samuel Jackson, of High Street, Soham, was working as a landscaper and contractor in and around Cambridge when, between June last year and February, he defrauded a number of people out of a total of £8,862.

Jackson promised his services, securing deposits and agreeing to carry out a range of jobs, from repairing fences to installing patios. After receiving the deposit, Jackson either did not do the work agreed or only completed a portion of it.

Appearing at Cambridge Magistrates' Court last Thursday, Jackson pleaded guilty to multiple counts of fraud by false representation.

Jackson was sentenced to a 20-week prison sentence, suspended for 12 months. He was also ordered to complete 100 hours of unpaid work and to pay back the money to those he had defrauded.

The court heard that Jackson had needed the money to pay for a gambling addiction that had taken control of his life.

"Clearly, this is a very serious offence," said chairman of the bench, Richard Torfitt. "The level of offending has impacted on a large number of people who put their trust in you. You abused that trust. It shows the corrosive effects of a gambling addiction."

A spokesman for Trading Standards at Cambridgeshire County Council, which brought the prosecution, said Jackson had not targeted the elderly or vulnerable and that this type of fraud was difficult to guard against.

"We received complaints from a lot of people," said the spokesman. "What he was doing was going to see the customers, agreeing what they wanted done and taking a deposit.

"On a number of occasions, the work was not done and the money, rather than being spent on materials for the job, was spent in improper ways.

"I think most people would request a deposit. That is normal practice. It was not old or vulnerable people. They were all manner of people from all walks of life."

The spokesman said that, in most cases they would recommend people use acknowledged good traders or that they look for people that come well recommended before offering a deposit for work.

For more pictures from the Ely area visit ely-news.co.uk

Quilt will celebrate the Fens

A STORY quilt is being made to celebrate the heritage and landscape of the Ouse Washes.

Environmental artist Jane Frost, from Littleport, has been tasked with delivering the Fenland and Ouse Washes Story Quilt Project by the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership via a grant from the Community Heritage Fund.

Families are also able to take part and last Thursday, local children joined Jane at the Adams Heritage Centre in Littleport for her first workshop. The quilt is being created using old blankets and will be available for local communities to use.

It will also be on display at The Secret Life of Ely Cathedral exhibition in April. To get involved or to find out more, visit frostart.co.uk or ousewashes.org.uk.

QUILTING: Local artist Jane Frost with brothers Robert, 8, and Luke, 5. Picture: Richard Patterson

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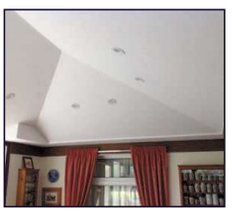

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Extra fun for youngsters at half term

LITTLE ones had a bouncy time at Littleport Leisure Centre last week.

The centre holds a three-hour soft play session every week but because it was half-term, children were able to enjoy six hours of clambering and leaping around.

A two-hour archery session on the Wednesday afternoon also proved popular with local youngsters.

The soft play session is held at the centre, in Camel Road, every Wednesday from 9am-12pm.

To find out more, call the centre on (01353) 860600.

HAVING A BALL: Youngsters at Littleport Leisure Centre PICTURES: Richard Patterson

COMMUNITY

MP backs 'clean for Queen' call

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

MP Lucy Frazer is calling on residents and organisations to help make the Ely area 'Clean for the Queen'.

Clean for the Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty's 90th birthday in April.

Community groups, including parish councils, residents' associations, and local schools and businesses, are being encouraged to organise their own litter picks or clean-ups in the coming weeks, or over the Clean for the Queen weekend, which is March 4-6.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is already supporting two community litter pick events that weekend, but does have some spare equipment available for other groups.

The council is able to supply litter pickers, gloves, hi-vis vests and sacks, and will also dispose of the collected waste.

The South East Cambridgeshire MP is taking part in several litter picks in the area and is urging people of all ages to get involved.

She said: "This is a great opportunity to make sure we get South East Cambridgeshire neat and tidy in time for the Queen's 90th birthday on April 21.

"Although the official 'Clean for the Queen' weekend is in March, people can get involved whenever they like.

"I hope that more people in South East Cambridgeshire will consider getting involved to clean up our communities and help mark this momentous occasion."

To get involved, call the council on (01353) 665555 or visit cleanforthequeen.co.uk.

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DEVELOPMENT

‘12,800 homes needed by 2026’

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

MORE than 12,000 new homes need to be built in the Ely area over the next 20 years, according to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The figure is included in the Preliminary Draft Local Plan which, once approved, will act as a blueprint for growth in the Ely area until 2036.

The council is now asking people and organisations to comment on the plan which aims to deliver 12,800 new dwellings, 7,100 new jobs, 3,000 square-metres of new convenience (food) retail space and 10,000 square-metres of new non-food retail space.

In a statement in the draft plan, council leader James Palmer said: “This council is committed to building a better East Cambridgeshire.

“Yes, we need to protect the very reasons why the district has such a high quality of life. But we also need to facilitate growth in much -needed homes and jobs. We need to build a better East Cambridgeshire.

“In 2014/15, we only built 163 homes across the whole district. That simply is not sufficient.

“Every week, on average, around 11 new ‘households’ are created in East Cambridgeshire, whether that be children growing up wanting their own homes, young people in shared accommodation getting married and wanting to start a family, people moving to the area to take a job, or partners deciding to go their separate ways.

“Yet in 2014/15 we only built three homes a week. That leaves, on average, eight newly-created households in East Cambridgeshire having no home to move into, every week. We can’t let this continue.”

According to information provided by Census 2011, there were 31,112 workers aged 16 to 74 employed in East Cambridgeshire. Out of this more than 21,000 were commuting to work outside the district.

To download the draft plan, visit eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/local-plan-review.

People have until March 24 to have their say. To do so, visit eastcambs-consult.objective.co.uk or email planningpolicy@eastcambs.gov.uk.

Alternatively, write to: Strategic Planning, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4EE.

HAVE YOUR SAY
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Young find fun at cathedral

BRASS rubbing and storytelling helped to keep youngsters entertained during half term.

Ely Cathedral threw its doors open for its regular half-term children’s drop-in activities on Monday and Wednesday morning.

Youngsters took part in a whole host of activities, including arts and crafts, brass rubbing, storytelling and secret trails around the ‘Ship of the Fens’.

The activities, which are free, are held on Mondays and Wednesdays during every school break.

Youngsters were also able to see the Exhibition of Letters, which is running at the cathedral until Sunday.

HAPPY AT HALF TERM: Children took part in various activities at Ely Cathedral
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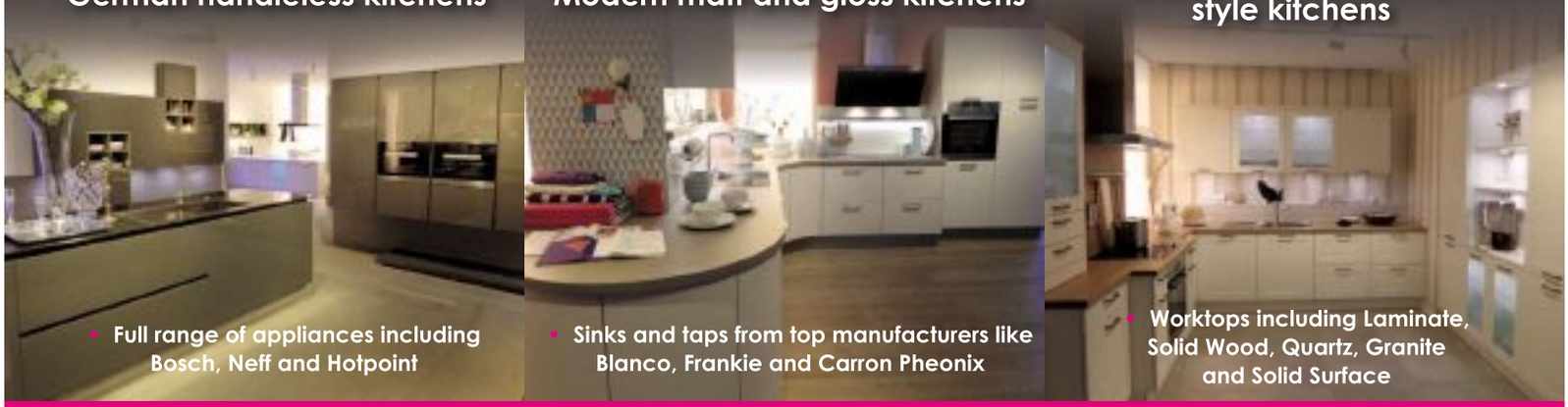

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HEALTH

New school will have its own life-saving kit

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

ELY'S newest primary school will have its own life-saving defibrillator thanks to generous local sponsors and a national cardiac charity.

The Isle of Ely Primary School, which is being built on Cam Drive, has been able to buy the expensive equipment with donations from Kier Construction, which is building the new school, and St Mary's Pharmacy in Ely.

The purchase was made possible by charity SADS (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome) UK, which allowed the school to buy the defibrillator at a heavily discounted price.

After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces chance of survival by 10 per cent.

Bryony Surtees, Isle of Ely Primary School's executive head teacher, said: "I'd like to thank Kier and St Mary's Pharmacy on behalf of the teachers, parents and children for their kind support in sponsoring our new defibrillator."

COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Front, from left: Bryony Surtees, executive head teacher receiving a cheque from Max Pearson from Kier, with back left to right: Kirsten Marriott, head of school, Yahya Shah with wife Shiamiela Hussain, Jessica Harvey-Bowman and Steven Cory from Kier and some of the pupils. PICTURE: Keith Heppell

Dennis Cotton, operations director at Kier, said: "We all hope that nobody will ever need to use the defibrillator, but it will be reassuring for the children, staff and parents to know that the equipment is available should they ever experience a medical emergency on the school grounds."

SADS UK, which funds research and medical equipment to prevent premature sudden cardiac death, will organise relevant training for staff to use the defibrillator.

To thank the charity for its help, pupils held a fund-raising day, raising £232 by wearing red and organising an art auction and cake stall.

The new school was due to open in January but, as previously reported, the facilities will now not be ready until the spring term.

The school, which is run by the Active Learning Trust, is currently operating from Ely St Mary's Junior School.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plan for Red Cross site

THE former Red Cross offices in Ely look set to be turned into homes.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has received a planning application for the offices, in West Fen Road, to be turned into two two-bedroom cottages and a one-bedroom bungalow.

The applicants are Ms Krairavee, Ms Luanugrungwilai and Mr S Paragon. To view the plans or to have your say, visit eastcambs.gov.uk and search planning reference 16/00176/ORN.

Cathedral appoints new head verger

MARTIN Fleet has been appointed head verger and floor manager at Ely Cathedral.

Martin, who is currently head verger at Chester Cathedral, will be responsible for leading the team of vergers and cleaners, co-ordinating the activities of the stewards and helping to deliver cathedral services and events. He is due to start his new role in April.

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Ely

■ Focus on Upware and Swaffham Fen is the title of this week's Fenland History on Friday talk at Ely Methodist Church at 10.30am. Call (01353) 648106.

■ Coffee morning at Ely Methodist Church on Saturday from 10am-12pm in aid of the charity, MEDAIR. Call (01353) 666905.

■ Charity quiz night at The Cutter on Sunday in aid of the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund. It starts at 7pm and admission is £2 per person. Call (01353) 662713.

■ 'Archbishop Justin and Pope Francis: what possibilities?' is the title of Archbishop David Moxon's open lecture at Ely Cathedral on Sunday at 6pm. Call (01353) 660349.

■ Ely and District branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A)'s next meeting is at the Countess Free Church on Tuesday, March 1 at 2.30pm. Visit u3asites.org/ely.

■ Philip Dixon, cathedral archaeologist, hosting lecture at the Old Palace on Tuesday, March 1 entitled 'Richard III and Other Bodies'. It starts at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 660349.

■ Isle of Ely Philatelic Society's next meeting is at Ely College's Community Room on Thursday, March 3 at 7.30pm. Call (01354) 659358.

■ Ann Bell hosting City of Ely Flower Club's demonstration, entitled 'My Kind of Flowers', at Ely College on Thursday, March 3 at 6.45pm. It is also the club's AGM. Call (01353) 661457.

■ Mayor of Ely's annual charity Spring Ball is at The Maltings on Saturday, March 5 from 7.30pm-12am. Tickets are £39.50. Call (01353) 661016.

Littleport

■ Dr Maureen Jones hosting talk based on old storytellers Chafer Legge and Ratty Porter at Littleport Village Hall on Tuesday, March 1 at 7.30pm. Admission is free.

■ Psychic supper at Littleport Leisure Centre on Friday night. Cost is £25, which includes two course meal and a private reading. On Saturday there is a prize family bingo night, starting at 6.30pm, and on Sunday there is a charity quiz night, 7pm. Cost is £1 per person in teams of four. Call (01353) 860600.

Soham

■ Quiz night in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care at the Ross Peers Sports Centre on Saturday, starting at 7pm. Cost is £5 per person in teams of a maximum of six people. Call (01353) 722604 or (01353) 721380.

■ Tom Doig hosting 'Farming with Steam' talk at Berrycroft Church Hall on Thursday, March 3 at 7.30pm. Admission £2.50 for non members of Soham Museum History Group.

■ Soham, The Fen and Barway Women's Institute's AGM takes place on Friday, March 4. Amanda Sutherland will also talk about Accessories Boutique at the meeting at Millbrook House at 7.30pm.

Stretham

■ Indoor car boot sale at Stretham Primary School on Saturday in aid of Tiddlywinks Pre-school. It's running from 10am-12pm and entry is free. Call (01353) 649063.

EGYPTIAN THEME: Dancers from across the region took part in the workshop, which was organised by the Elysian Belly Dance group.

Dance like an Egyptian . . .

DANCERS from across the region came together in Ely for an Egyptian workshop.

The event, hosted by Elysian Belly Dance and held at Ely College, was entitled 'Baladi – The Roots of Egyptian Dance' and live music was provided by the Baladi Blues Ensemble.

Baladi expert and darabuka player Guy Schalom led the workshop and was supported by master accordionist Magdy Tewfik, saxophonist Ahmed El Saidi, and Riq player Adam Warne.

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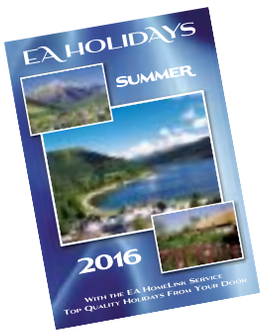

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FUNDRAISING

Pals in leap for charity

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TWO friends are taking to the skies to raise money for a charity close to their heart.

Daniel Mace, 34, from Soham, and Shane Barber, 20, from Littleport, are taking on a 13,000ft skydive on Saturday, March 5, to raise as much as they can for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

Shane's dad, Terry, who was a good friend of Daniel's, died of a heart-related illness in October last year, aged just 50.

Daniel, who works at MLH Transport in Haddenham, said: "Terry passed away at the end of last year and I wanted to do something challenging and inspiring to help the BHF continue saving lives.

"Terry was a brilliant friend to me and a true legend of a man who is gone but will never be forgotten.

"Myself and Terry's son, Shane, want to raise as much money as possible to help the BHF continue to find out why people die suddenly of heart disease.

"All money raised from the skydive will support the charity in the fight against heart disease."

Coronary heart disease is the UK's single biggest killer.

A spokesman for the BHF said: "For over 50 years the BHF has pioneered research that has transformed the lives of people living with heart and circulatory conditions.

"But so many people still need help – from babies born with life-threatening heart problems to the many mums, dads and grandparents who survive a heart attack and endure the daily battles of heart failure."

Daniel and Shane, who works at Bentons Garage in Ely, are also organising a fundraising 80's and 90's disco which is being held the same evening as the skydive at Wilburton Village Hall.

Running from 7-11.30pm, tickets are £4 and available by calling Daniel on 07542 711481.

To sponsor the duo, go to either justgiving.com/Daniel-K-Mace or justgiving.com/Shane-Barber.

DAREDEVIL: Daniel Mace, pictured, and his friend, Shane Barber, have signed up for a skydive in aid of the British Heart Foundation. PICTURE: Warren Gunn

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity's £1,000 boost

PERSIMMON Homes has donated £1,000 to the Pos + Ability charity.

The charity, which is based in Ely, says the money will go towards providing chair-based exercises and the use of specially designed equipment for local people who have survived a stroke, or who are living with Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis and other long term neurological illnesses.

To find out how the charity could help you, call 07565 598193.

Dancers perform commissioned work

ELY'S Lantern Dance Theatre Company performed at U.Dance East in Ipswich on February 14.

It is the third time the group has taken part in the regional youth dance event, which is organised on behalf of Youth Dance England.

Lantern dancers performed their new work, Tall Tales and Short Stories, which was commissioned by the Isle of Ely Arts Festival last year.

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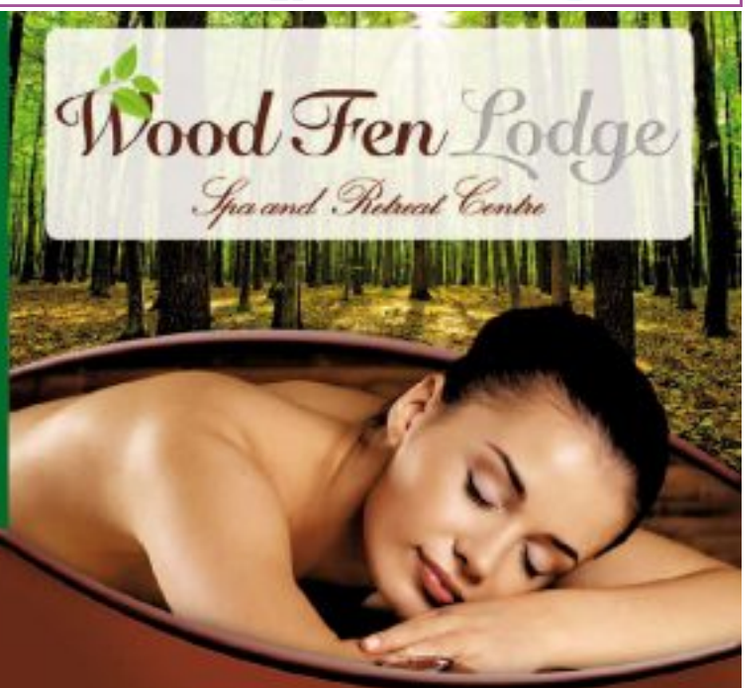

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Firefighters raise £39k for charity

FIRE stations in the Ely area have helped raise almost £40,000 for charity.

Every January, Cambridgeshire's stations compete to collect as much clothing and textiles in their yellow charity bins as they can.

The materials are then recycled, and, in return, funds are raised for The Fire Fighters Charity.

This year, stations recycled more than 160 tonnes of clothing, raising over £39,000 in total.

Sale helps WI funds

SWEET treats have raised more than £190 for Wardy Hill Women's Institute.

Members made everything from carrot cake to flapjacks and sold them on Ely market. The group, which describes itself as "for all young at heart women who enjoy baking to cocktail making", meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Email mrsclarehammond@gmail.com.

EDUCATION

College project aims to improve pupils' literacy

DETERMINED: Ely College's principal, Evelyn Forde.

JORDAN DAY
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A PROJECT has been launched at Ely College in a bid to improve pupils' literacy.

The college says its new Lads and Dads, Mums and Sons initiative is part of its drive to "improve literacy and to close the achievement gap for boys" at the school.

It is also designed to get more parents and carers supporting and engaging with their children's learning.

A spokeswoman for the college, which was placed into special measures by Ofsted last spring, said: "As part of our drive to improve literacy at the college and to close the achievement gap for our boys, we have launched our Lads and Dads, Mums and Sons project.

"The launch was held in our Learning Resource Centre and families took part in reading games, book challenges and fun reading-related activities.

"This project is just one of the many ways we are working with parents and carers to engage them in their children's learning, and is part of a wider programme of literacy support for students."

The college says it has also been able to provide all Year 7 students with their own dictionaries this term thanks to support from a local charity.

The spokeswoman said: "We've also signed up to the Premier League Reading Stars programme through the National Literacy Trust and to coincide with World Book Week, we have arranged for renowned author Julian Sedgwick to visit the college and talk to students about his books.

"We will also be working with local primary schools and inviting their Year 6 students into Ely College to spend some time in our library and work with our learning resource manager."

Speaking to the *Ely News* recently, Evelyn Forde, the college's principal, said: "Turning a school around takes a lot of effort and is not a quick or simple process.

"We will continue to work through the recommendations outlined in the school's statement of action with a robust, relentless focus on teaching and learning."

Kids get creative at Tesco

BREAD making proved messy – but fun and educational – for children at Ely's Tesco.

Thirty local youngsters and their childminders visited the store to learn more about bread.

They looked at ingredients and talked about and tasted the different types of bread, before being given a piece of dough to mould into their own mini loaves, which resulted in everything from elephants to traditional bread plaits.

The event was organised by Sue Smith, the Cambridgeshire local facilitator for the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY), as part of the nationwide Farm to Fork initiative to get children interested in where their food comes from. Tesco supported the event through its Eat Happy Project.

HANDS ON: Thirty children and their childminders from the Ely area took part in bread making at Tesco.

CRIME

Huge surge in hare coursing

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HARE coursing incidents more than doubled in Cambridgeshire last year, according to police.

Wildlife crime officer Pc Alun Bradshaw said there has been an unprecedented rise in coursing, in which dogs are unleashed in fields to chase, catch and kill wild hares.

In 2014 there were 433 reports of hare coursing, which jumped to 1,068 in 2015.

"It's definitely the most common crime against animals we see," said Pc Bradshaw. "It's high profile and it affects a lot of people."

The crime can also be costly as perpetrators often break locks and gates in order to trespass on land and carry out the 'sport'. Pc Bradshaw said it was common for him to receive 14 or 15 reports of hare coursing in a single day.

Historically, the crimes are more frequently committed in the East Cambridgeshire and Fenland area, but recently there has been a rise across the whole of East Anglia.

Pc Bradshaw recently met Cambridge's MP Daniel Zeichner to discuss wildlife crime in the county, which includes attacks on swans, bird nests, fish and deer poaching.

Mr Zeichner recently backed a campaign launched by the not-for-profit organisation World Animal Protection to raise awareness of the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU) – a national police unit dedicated to wildlife crime.

He said: "Cambridgeshire people are animal lovers. The NWCU is absolutely critical in the fight against wildlife crime to stop animals being attacked, poached, smuggled, butchered for their body parts or kept alive in order to be sold on.

"Without them, a huge number of wildlife crime cases would not be successfully investigated or prosecuted, and criminals targeting wildlife would walk free."

Head of campaigns at World Animal Protection, Alyx Elliott, said: "Wildlife crime in Cambridgeshire ranges from fish poaching in the Cam and dog attacks on swans in our parks, through to hare coursing in the countryside and even illegal trade in rhino horn on the internet.

"We encourage all residents in the county to report wildlife crime to the police so that wildlife can be better protected from the criminals currently making a profit from their suffering."

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The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sustainability and Transformation Programme has been formed to look at the significant challenges that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough health system faces.

Local health partners and providers are now working together to deliver a sustainable, transformed health service that will help improve quality of care, wellbeing and NHS finances.

HGV plan welcomed

A BUILDING services and skip hire firm is launching a new initiative to keep rural roads safe from HGVs.

Mick George has unveiled its 'Safer Roads' scheme, which will see the business extend 'no drive zones' for its vehicles to cover more local villages, as well as introducing 20mph speed limits in high risk areas.

The firm is also sponsoring community roadwatch so the group can monitor HGV traffic through more villages in Cambridgeshire.

The move has been welcomed by parish councils in Haddenham, Colne and Earith, all of which have grown increasingly frustrated by the number of HGVs breaking routing agreements.

"We are pleased to see Mick George instigating this initiative to reduce the risk to our community from HGV traffic," said a spokesman for Haddenham Parish Council.

"It is imperative that all haulage companies follow this lead and stick to their routing agreements. The noise and vibration caused by HGV traffic is a major concern of our parishioners and any means of reducing or eliminating it is to be welcomed."

Last year Mick George launched a 'Be Seen, Be Safe' campaign which was directed at local schools to educate children on how to stay safe when in the vicinity of large vehicles.

Joe Gossage, transport manager at Mick George, said: "As well as the voluntary no drive zones that we operate within the region, the business has also invested in technology to closely monitor the exact movements of our fleet throughout the county.

"Any unacceptable driving behavior is acted upon immediately. We are pleased to be working closely with residents and parish councils to supply the necessary resources to overcome these issues."

BIRTHDAY BASH: With the cake are Steve Venters, store manager, Jo Coles, team leader in clothing, and Cathy Wright, project director of Ely Foodbank. PICTURE: David Johnson

Happy birthday Sainsbury's!

SAINSBURY'S in Ely is celebrating its fourth birthday.

The store, in Lisle Lane, marked the anniversary last Monday with some of its 69 original employees.

Colleagues who have worked at the store since it opened in February 2012 were invited to a small party at the supermarket.

Approximately £100 worth of food was also handed over to Cathy Wright, the project director of Ely Foodbank, which the store has supported since it opened.

Store manager, Steve Venters, said: "I'm very proud to have celebrated this milestone with some of our brilliant colleagues.

"It was great that we could also involve Ely Foodbank in our celebrations as they are one of many charities the store has supported since 2012."

Ely Foodbank is the store's current local charity partner.

EU is focus of debate

'THE European Union - Are you In or Out?' is the title of the Ely Cathedral Business Group's spring debate next week.

Conservative MP George Freeman, Minister for Life Sciences, and Stuart Agnew MEP for East of England, UKIP, will be hosting the debate at the cathedral on Thursday, March 3.

The panel, chaired by Michael Watson, will be made up of William Martin, chairman of the NFU Sugar Board, John Shropshire OBE, chairman of G's Fresh, Nick Clarke, UKIP candidate for the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and John May, East of England chairman for Business for Britain.

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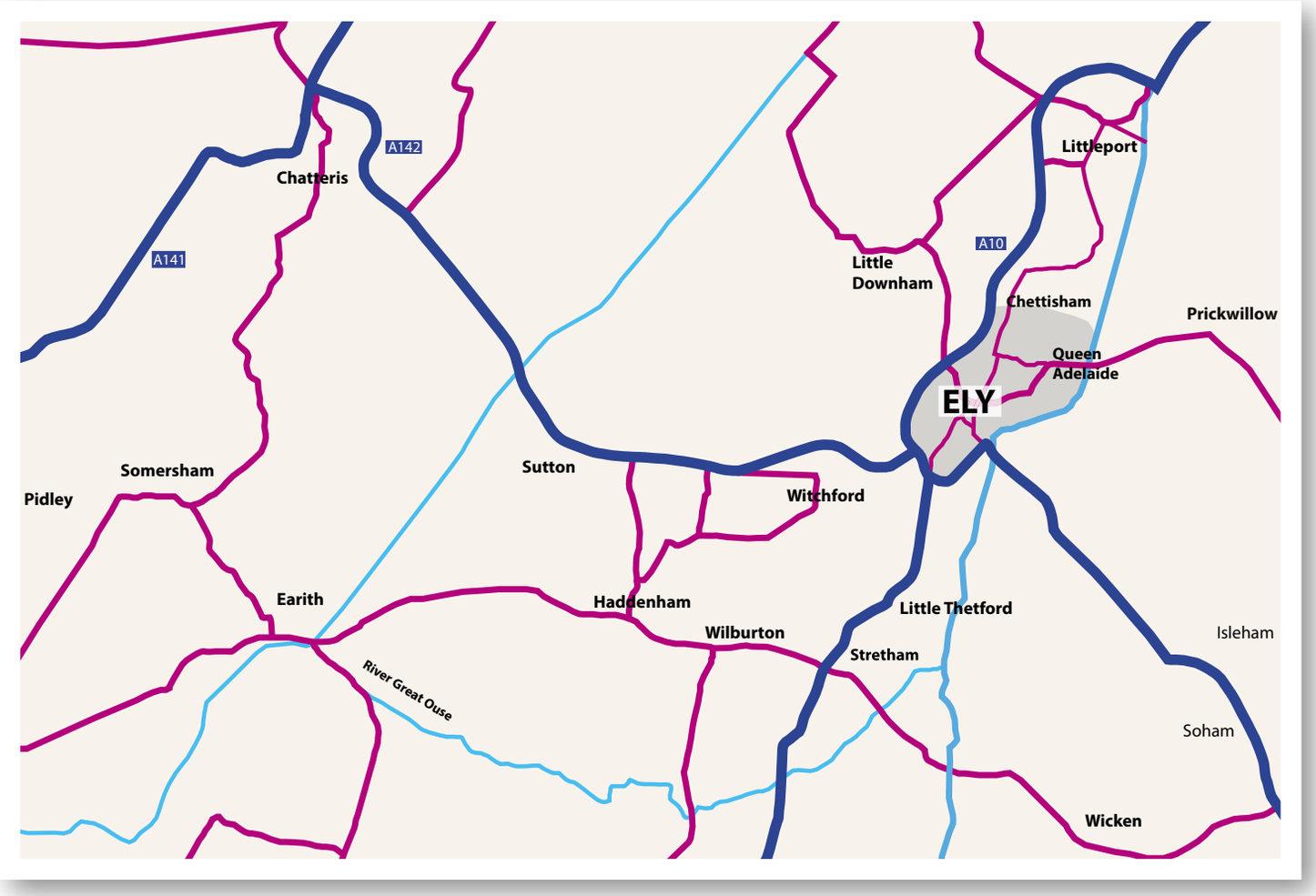

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Ely city centre: £220,000

INTERNAL viewing is highly recommended of this 'loft style apartment' arranged on the first and second floor in a Grade II listed building with views of the cathedral and situated in Ely city centre.

With recent redecoration, the gas heated apartment offers light and sunny, open plan accommodation of living room, bedroom, kitchen, study area and bathroom and has been completely modernised throughout. The galley style kitchen has oven, hob, extractor, space for dishwasher and fridge, and modern style cabinets. There is allocated parking space at the rear.

EPC Band C.

Contact David Clark & Co on (01353) 665020.

Feature homes

Cover property: Soham: £395,000

THIS spacious four bedroom detached house in Red House Gardens, Soham, is on the market for £395,000.

It has an entrance hall, a downstairs cloakroom, a lounge with sliding doors to the rear, a dining room with French doors to the rear, a kitchen/breakfast room and a utility room.

Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en suite shower room, three more bedrooms and a family bathroom.

The rear garden has a patio, a lawn and a storage shed, and there is also a double garage.

For further details contact Peter Michael Estate Agents on (01353) 725400.

Soham: £295,000

THIS five bedroom detached townhouse in Lines Close, Soham, is on the market for £295,000.

It has an open-plan lounge/kitchen/diner, a family room and a cloakroom.

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Soham
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Ready For The Next Family

Three Bed Semi-Detached House
Soham
£255,000
EPC c

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The Ideal First Family Home

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Field View!

A Happy Home
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Soham £99,995

A two bedroom first floor apartment forming part of this popular over 55's development. The accommodation in brief comprises, entrance hall with stairs to first floor landing, two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom, allocated parking space. EPC rating D. No Onward Chain.

Soham £295,000

Five bedroom detached town house close to centre of town and St Andrews School. The property comprises of open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, family room, cloakroom, five bedrooms, two en-suite, family shower room, enclosed rear garden, gas heating. Single garage. EPC rating C.

Soham £122,500

A semi detached bungalow situated on a popular over 55's residential development in Soham with accommodation offering entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from electric heating and allocated parking space. EPC Rating: D.

Soham £169,950

A two bedroom, three reception room extended semi detached house in need of modernisation.gas radiator heating and double glazing. a range of outbuildings and a garage to the rear of the property. EPC Rating D. ALL VIEWINGS NEED TO TAKE PLACE IN DAYLIGHT HOURS.

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- Garage and garden
- EPC Rating C

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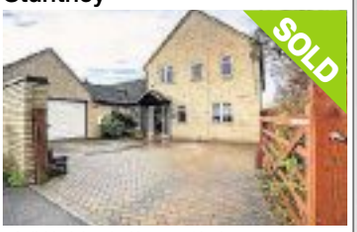

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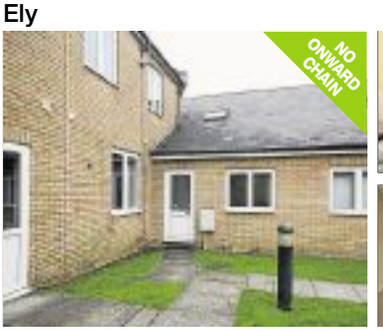

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- Sitting room & study
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Haddenham

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- 5 bedrooms, 2 en-suites
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge and dining room
- Double garage
- EPC Rating D

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LITTLE DOWNHAM

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MEPAL

£335,000

A well presented four bedroom detached family home, situated in a non estate location in the village of Mepal.

4 bedrooms, master with en suite, family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom. EPC rating: C

HADDENHAM

£530,000

An immaculately presented and extended 1850's detached family home offering spacious accommodation throughout and delightful mature plot.

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LITTLEPORT **£335,000**

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STRETHAM **£335,000**

A three bedroom detached bungalow, situated in a non estate location in the highly popular village of Stretham.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, dining room, lounge, utility room, cloakroom, garage, parking and rear garden. EPC rating: E

ELY **£284,950**

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WITCHAM **£264,950**

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow with garage and off street parking.

2 bedrooms, 2 en suites, kitchen/diner, lounge, entrance hall, cloakroom, front, side and rear garden and no upward chain. EPC rating: C

NEW

CHIPPENHAM **£175,000**

An immaculately presented two bedroom semi detached home occupying a good sized corner plot within this attractive cul de sac.

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HADDENHAM **£190,000**

A modern three bedroom semi detached bungalow in need of general updating located within this popular cul-de-sac.

3 bedrooms, sitting/dining room, kitchen, shower room, entrance hall, inner hallway, games room, store room, gardens, off street parking, double glazed and economy 7 heating. EPC rating: D

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Ely £380,000

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Witchford £349,950

An extended detached home situated in a cul de sac location convenient for both the primary and secondary schools and with a south facing corner plot. Accommodation includes entrance lobby, hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room opening into sitting area, utility, conservatory, 4 bedrooms and bathroom, together with a driveway, garage and good sized gardens. EPR D.

Little Downham £399,950

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Soham £239,950

A superbly presented modern semi detached home situated on a highly regarded residential development. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, open plan kitchen / dining room, 3 bedrooms (one ensuite), family bathroom together with driveway, garage and gardens. EPR C.

Ely £242,000

A centrally located terraced home offered for sale with no upward chain and convenient for the many City amenities, mainline railway station and attractive riverside walks. Accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen/dining room, 2 double bedrooms and shower room, together with front and rear gardens and allocated parking. EPR C.

Ely £270,000

This highly individual city home tucked away in a small courtyard development within easy access of the many City amenities. Accommodation briefly comprises ground floor master bedroom with ensuite, bathroom and second bedroom first floor open plan lounge / kitchen. The property has a parking area to the front. EPR D.

Ely £275,000

Superbly presented, comprehensively modernised semi detached home overlooking a green area close to St John's Primary School. Entrance hall, lounge opening into dining/family room, inner hall/study, refitted kitchen/dining room, utility area, cloakroom, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, refitted bathroom and superb rear garden measuring 62 ' x 44' (maximum) and driveway. EPR E.

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Haddenham £275,000

A well presented extended semi detached property situated in this well regarded village. Accommodation briefly comprises front porch, entrance hallway, lounge, open plan kitchen/dining area, separate dining room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms and family bathroom, together with a spacious driveway and rear garden. EPR D.

Witchford £289,950

An immaculately presented modern home constructed in 2006, situated in a popular cul de sac location close to the village college. Hall, superb refitted kitchen, 18'1' x 14'2' lounge/dining room, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and well maintained rear gardens. Benefits include upvc double glazing and gas central heating. EPR C.

Ely £299,950

A spacious 3-storey townhouse offered for sale with no upward chain and comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, spacious kitchen/dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens, driveway and garage. Popular residential development. Viewing recommended. EPR D.

Haddenham £315,000

A superbly presented detached bungalow situated in the highly regarded village of Haddenham. The property has accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, together with a garage/workshop/store room. The property also benefits from double glazing and oil fired central heating. EPR D.

Soham £339,950

Situated in a convenient location close to the many Soham amenities and schools, this superbly presented Grade II Listed house has accommodation which includes kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, study/play room, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating. EPC N/R.

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A spacious detached family home positioned on an attractive plot only 1.2 miles from Ely mainline train station. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, sitting room, open plan kitchen / dining room, drawing room, utility room, 3 double bedrooms, family bathroom together with large frontage including driveway, single garage and gardens. EPR B.

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Haddenham £575,000

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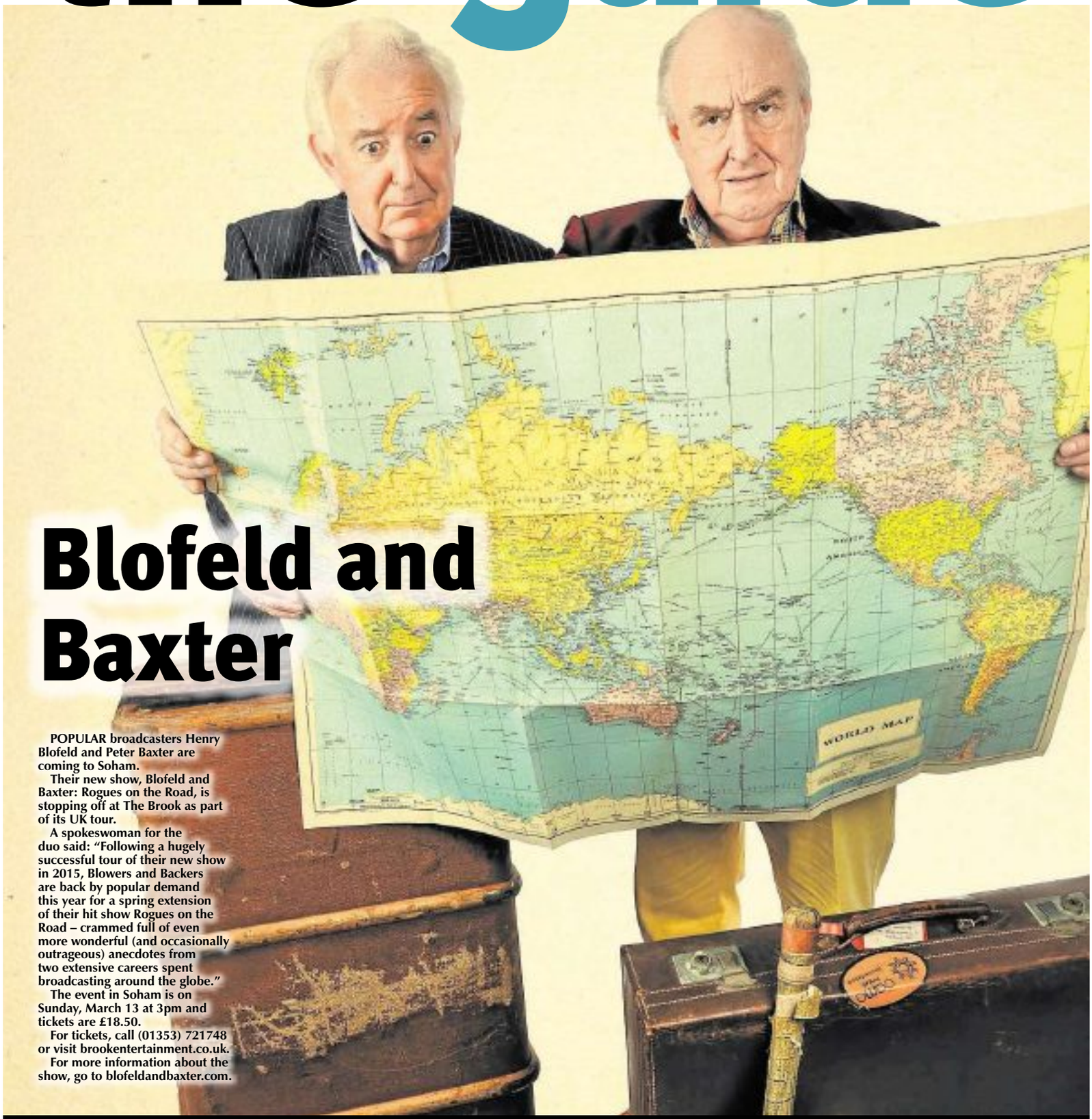

Blofeld and Baxter

POPULAR broadcasters Henry Blofeld and Peter Baxter are coming to Soham.

Their new show, Blofeld and Baxter: Rogues on the Road, is stopping off at The Brook as part of its UK tour.

A spokeswoman for the duo said: "Following a hugely successful tour of their new show in 2015, Blowers and Backers are back by popular demand this year for a spring extension of their hit show Rogues on the Road – crammed full of even more wonderful (and occasionally outrageous) anecdotes from two extensive careers spent broadcasting around the globe."

The event in Soham is on Sunday, March 13 at 3pm and tickets are £18.50.

For tickets, call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

For more information about the show, go to blofeldandbaxter.com.

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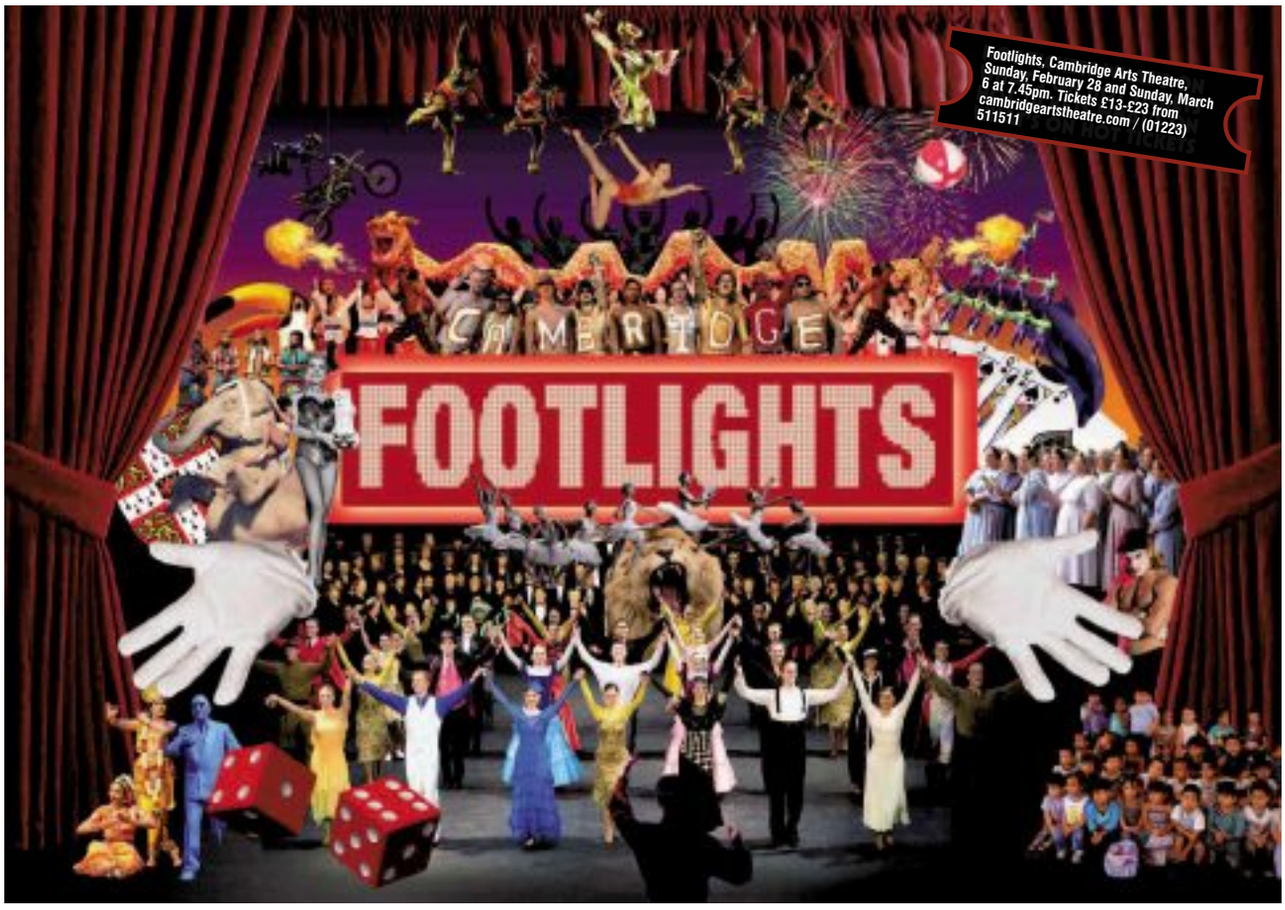
COMEDY

● Canadian funnyman Tom Stade – famed for his distinctive 'drunken Canadian' accent – has steadily earned a reputation as one of the most original and exciting stand-up talents around. Uncompromising and mischievous, Stade's inspired improvisation has been a breath of fresh air on the UK stand-up circuit. Back on the road after the sell-out success of his month-long run at the Edinburgh Festival earlier this year, Stade will be bringing his new show You're Welcome to Cambridge Junction next Thursday, and is promising to "ruminate on life's oddities and revel in his own perpetual shortcomings".

Tom Stade, Cambridge Junction, Thursday, March 3 at 8pm. Tickets £18 from (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk

● THE Grain and Hop Store has joined forces with Gut Rocking Comedy to bring punters an awesome new monthly comedy club. Featuring a top-notch line up of side-splittingly good comic talent, it's a great excuse to kick off your weekend a day early. Headlining the March date will be Nathan Caton, as seen on BBC1's Live at the *Apollo, Mock the Week and Russell Howard's Good News.* Gigging since the age of 19, over the last decade Caton has established himself as one of the best young comics in the UK. Support comes from Julian Deane, Nick Elleray and Glenn Moore, with Joe Rowntree the host for the evening.

Gut Rocking Comedy Club, The Grain and Hop Store, Thursday, March 3 at 7.45pm. Tickets £10 from gutrocking.com or behind the bar.



Footlights, Cambridge Arts Theatre, Sunday, February 28 and Sunday, March 6 at 7.45pm. Tickets £13-£23 from cambridgeartstheatre.com / (01223) 511511

It's time for Footlights

If you are yet to witness a Footlights show (it's a Cambridge institution), we insist you right that wrong immediately.

A comedy juggernaut in every sense of the word, past alumni include Alexander Armstrong, Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie and David Mitchell. You can't argue with that.

You can get spotting future stars at the Cambridge Arts Theatre this Sunday and next, as the world-famous troupe return to the venue following last year's sell-out success.

Promising to bring you an evening of pure fun-filled entertainment, packed with songs, sketches, monologues and stand-up, hilarity, my friends, comes guaranteed.

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THEATRE

Viva Youth Theatre's production of Evita at The Brook in Soham from March 8-12. For tickets, call (01353) 722228 or visit viva-group.org.uk.

Evita – don't miss out!

REHEARSALS for the award-winning Viva Youth Theatre's latest production – Evita – are now well under way.

And due to early high demand for tickets, people are being urged to book theirs now.

The production is at The Brook in Soham from Tuesday, March 8 through to Saturday, March 12.

Dan Schumann, Viva's artistic director and director of Evita, said: "Evita is a classic, epic and iconic musical full of great characters, big dance routines and familiar songs such as Oh What a Circus, Another Suitcase, Another Hall and Don't Cry for Me Argentina.

"Our production has a cast of over 40 local young people and is full of beautiful singing, impressive dancing and stunning sets and costumes.

"Our previous two productions (Phantom of the Opera and Avenue Q) completely sold out, so we don't want anyone left disappointed this year."

Evita is a musical with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice.

It concentrates on the life of leader Eva, the second wife of Argentine president Juan Perón. The story follows Evita's early life, rise to power, charity work, and eventual death.

'Our previous two productions completely sold out, so we don't want anyone left disappointed this year.'

The musical began as a rock opera concept album released in 1976.

Its success led to productions in London's West End in 1978, winning the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Musical, and on Broadway a year later, where it was the first British musical to receive the Tony Award for Best Musical.

Viva's production is at 7.30pm each evening, plus there is a 2.30pm Saturday matinee performance.

Tickets are £12 and available by calling (01353) 722228.

Alternatively, visit viva-group.org.uk.

MUSIC

Sinfonia concert at cathedral is to have a French twist

FRENCH classical music is the theme of Ely Sinfonia's upcoming concert at Ely Cathedral.

The concert, entitled Symphonie Fantastique, is on Saturday, March 12.

A spokeswoman for Ely Sinfonia said: "Symphonie Fantastique was one of the most extraordinary pieces of its time – perhaps (to quote Leonard Bernstein) the first musical trip into psychedelia.

"It was to bring fame and notoriety to 26-year-old composer, Hector Berlioz, and its colourful, surreal nature still thrills audiences today."

Also featured in the concert will be Saint-Saëns' highly evocative Danse Macabre and Joseph Canteloube's delightful but rarely performed collection of Songs of the Auvergne, being performed by local soprano Tara Bungard.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets range in price from £22.50 to £7.50 each.

Call the cathedral box office on (01353) 660349 or visit tickets.elycathedral.org.

Ely Sinfonia's concert, Symphonie Fantastique, at Ely Cathedral on March 12. For tickets, call (01353) 660349.

CLOSER TO HOME

- AS You Like It is being screened live in Ely from London's National Theatre on Thursday, February 25. The screening is at Ely Cinema at 7pm. For tickets, call (01353) 616991 or visit babylonarts.org.uk.

- COMEDIANS Lewis Bryan, Jay Sodagar, Keith Platt and John Mann are performing at a stand-up comedy night at Ely's Maltings on Friday, February 26. Doors open at 8pm and tickets are £12.95. Call (01353) 662633 or visit themaltingsely.co.uk.

- THE Homesman (15) is being screened in Ely on Friday, February 26. The Babylon Film Club screening is at the Babylon Gallery at 7pm and non-members are welcome. Search for the club on Facebook to find out more.

- PSYCHIC medium Tony Stockwell and Irish singer Shawn Cuddy are coming to Soham. Tony is hosting an evening of mediumship at The Brook on Thursday, February 25 at 7.30pm. Shawn is then performing there on Friday, February 26 at 9pm. Tickets for Tony are £19.50 and £16.50 for Shawn. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

- AUTHOR Alison Bruce is talking about her latest novel, *The Promise*, at St Peter's Church in Ely on Thursday, February 25. On Tuesday, March 1, James Rebanks is talking about his book, The Illustrated Herdwick Shepherd, at St Mary's Church. Both talks start at 7.30pm and tickets are £6. Call Toppings on (01353) 645005 or visit toppingbooks.co.uk.

- A ROCK 'n' roll night is being held at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, February 27. Shane and the Korrados are hosting the event from 7pm onwards. For tickets, call (01638) 601085.

- A LIVE music night is being held at Samovar Tea House in Ely on Thursday, February 25. Accordionist Jane Ward, cellist Simon Cooper and guitarist Bryan Causton are performing at 8pm, and from 7pm a vegetarian Moroccan stew will be served. Tickets are £6.50 for the concert and £6.50 for the pre-concert dinner. Call (01353) 662160 or visit samovarteahouse.co.uk.

- CAMBRIDGE-based Prime Brass and BBC Young Musician of the Year percussionist Lucy Landymore are performing in Ely on Thursday, March 3. The King's Ely Concert Society event is at the school's Hayward Theatre at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 for adults and free for children. Call (01353) 653931.

REFILL: Kids taking part with Johana Nokkert, 7, in the pool and Emma Brand

PICTURES: David Johnson

ALL AGES: Joab Mullard, 1½

LEAP: Isaac Mullard, 8

Making a big splash

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

THE Ely area is renowned for its weird and wonderful contests.

There is Ely's annual Eel Throwing Competition (not with real eels though), the relatively new Ely Potato Race and how could we forget the ever-popular Pea Shooting Championships in Witcham?

But now there is another extraordinary competition to add to the region's calendar thanks to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) centre in Welney.

All last week, outdoor-loving youngsters flocked to the centre for its inaugural half-term East Anglian Puddle Jumping Championships – and boy did they make a splash!

Emma Brand, the reserve's marketing officer, said: "The competition proved extremely popular, very fun and indeed very wet, but thankfully we're used to wet conditions here at the centre.

"The first puddle jumping championships were held at our WWT Martin Mere centre in Lancashire last year and they were really popular, so we thought we'd give them a go.

"We were really busy every day and children of all ages were able to give it a go, from tiny toddlers right the way through to teenagers.

"The competition will certainly become an annual event here at WWT Welney, and who knows, we might even introduce an adult competition too."

Every child who took part received a sticker and the youngster who made the highest splash on the splash board won a certificate and a scarf donated by Muddy Puddles, a company which specialises in children's outdoor clothing.

The daily winner also went into a draw to become the centre's overall winner – which was Neve Wilson, who achieved 85 out of 100 for her jump.

Compared to how youngsters at other WWT centres performed, Neve could become the national champion. Emma said: "We're hoping Neve will have the best score so that she can win even more prizes!"

For information about upcoming events at the reserve, visit *wwt.org.uk/welney*.

WET WET WET: Michaiah Mullard, 5, left. ABOVE: Isaac Mullard, 8, Isaac Goodwin, 10, and Eli Goodwin, 8

THE SECRET TO A GOOD PUDDLE JUMP

ACCORDING to WWT staff, there is more to puddle jumping than you might think.

Emma said: "The staff judged the jumping and there is more to puddle jumping than simply leaping into the water.

"We judged the children on three key categories.

"**The enthusiasm of the jumper** – how much effort did they put on and were they determined to make theirs a good one?

"**The creativity of the jump** – what techniques did the children use to make their splash the largest? There are lots of different ways to jump remember.

"But most importantly is **the height of the splash**. We were obviously looking for the ones which made the water go as high up the splash board as possible."

COMPETITION

COMPETITION TIME: Sue Peploe, from Waitrose in Ely, pictured with the Mother's Day hamper which we are offering readers the chance to win.

Win a Waitrose hamper worth £50 for your mum this Mother's Day!

WIN your mum a Waitrose hamper worth £50 for Mother's Day on Sunday, March 6.

The *Ely News* has teamed up with Ely's Waitrose store to offer readers the chance to win this fantastic hamper jam-packed with goodies that every mum will love.

Sue Peploe, the store's partner co-ordination manager, said: "We love working with the *Ely News* and this is certainly a hamper I'd be pleased to win!

"The prize includes fresh flowers, different sorts of chocolate, a heart-shaped candle, spring bulbs for the garden, a travel spa kit and lots of lovely ladies' products, including body wash and bath foam.

"Mother's Day is the perfect excuse to spoil your mum rotten and we're confident she'll love this hamper if you're lucky enough to win it."

To be in with the chance of winning, simply answer the following question:

What date is Mother's Day this year?

Email your answer to jordan.day@cambridge-news.co.uk or write to Ely News, 27, Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP.

Remember to include your full name and a daytime telephone number.

The winner will be picked at random and entries close at midday on Wednesday, March 2. Good luck!

COMMUNITY

WW2 project: get involved

JORDAN **DAY**
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TAKE a step back in time and find out more about what life was like in East Cambridgeshire during the Second World War.

'Street Life' is a project being delivered by the award-winning Viva Arts and Community Group, based in Soham, to explore what Ely, Soham, Littleport and Chatteris were like from 1939-1945.

The project has been made possible thanks to a £77,500 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Project manager, Hetti Wood, said: "This exciting project will be a bridge for the local community to be taken back in time to discover who lived and worked in these fours towns.

"Did the war have an impact on local living? What was a day like in the life for the local residents and how have the towns changed over time?

"We are still on the lookout for local volunteers who will be recruited and trained to undertake archival research, oral history interviews to record local memories from people alive at the time, and photographic recordings of buildings in the towns.

"Your time with us will also include field trips, a roadshow of the information gathered in the form of a pop-up heritage, as well as socials with the other volunteers.

"We cannot wait to get started and we hope we can drum up some local support."

Hetti said: "Do you have any memories of this time or know someone who might?

"Do you have any photographs or objects that might be useful? Then get in touch as we would love to hear from you."

Volunteers of all ages and from all walks of life are now being sought to get involved in the project.

Call (01353) 722228 or email volunteers.streetlife@gmail.com to find out more.

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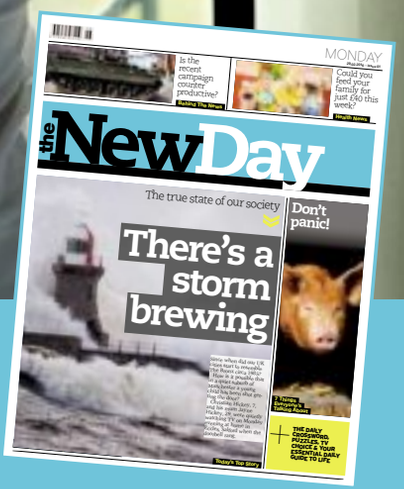

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Wheels

New LEAF ups range by 25%

WARM WELCOME: To new LEAF

AS the new Nissan LEAF 30kWh goes on sale across Europe – with improved range and enhanced features – Nissan has released a stunning short film revealing the car from a block of ice in breathtaking Norefjell, Norway.

Europe's best-selling electric vehicle now delivers up to155 miles of driving range on a single charge, 25 per cent further than before, and comes with the latest evolution of the NissanConnect EV infotainment system on Acenta and Tekna trims. This includes improvements to the remote defrost feature, superior functionality and greater connectivity.

The New Nissan Leaf 30kWh goes 25 percent further than the previous model, thanks to Nissan's innovative 30kWh battery technology, beating all of its competitors within the segment, without compromising on practicality or usability.

Shock figures on vehicle recalls

STERICYCLE ExpertSOLUTIONS, the product recall management firm, last week released its Q4 2015 Index, which reveals that automotive recalls have increased by approximately 20 per cent every year since 2013, with German and Japanese manufacturers racking up the vast majority of auto recalls launched in Europe last year. Between the third and fourth quarters of 2015, auto recalls climbed 16 per cent.

The Q4 Index, based on data from the EU's RAPEX and RASFF rapid alert systems, reports a total of 59 auto recalls this quarter, and 235 during the course of 2015. Electrical issues, air bags, brakes and steering systems accounted for many of the leading causes of auto recalls.

Industry experts are not anticipating that auto recalls will continue at these exponential rates. However, automotive manufacturers in Europe are operating in an environment that is undergoing increased scrutiny, particularly around the safety of electrical components, which is likely to prompt repeated recall events.

RECALL SAGA: In many ways this issue has most affected the US market, where vehicle legislation is stringent and comprehensive

"Automotive recalls are generating a significant amount of interest, not least from European policy makers and regulators," says Farzad Henareh, European vice president, Stericycle ExpertSOLUTIONS. "We anticipate that the intensified focus on root causes and countries of origin will result in regulatory change which will have a marked effect on the recall landscape in 2016."

As the Stericycle Index points out, heightened awareness of auto safety has already resulted in the EU mandating new safety features including seatbelt reminders, ISOFIX child seat anchorages and tyre pressure monitoring systems. With more mandates likely to follow, manufacturers can expect to see even greater regulatory complexity.

In terms of acting on auto recall notices, European consumers are demonstrably more compliant with recall procedures than consumers in the US who are suffering from recall fatigue.

"It's great that recall notices in the EU are eliciting a positive response from many customers. However, the completion of recall campaigns is still lasting up to 24 months, leaving many affected cars on the road," continued Henareh. "Enhancing owner data and recall processes could help auto manufacturers accelerate recall completion and strengthen repair rates."

CUBIST: The Skoda VisionS

Skoda puts its Vision into a hybrid future

ŠKODA'S SUV range is being strengthened with the Škoda VisionS, which gives an insight into how Škoda's future SUV design language might look.

The design "is clearly influenced by Czech Cubism and the tradition of Bohemian crystal art" and features a plug-in hybrid powertrain. The Škoda VisionScan go up to 50km on electric alone, and will travel up to 1,000km with both systems.

It offers 225bhp, yet 1.9 litres of petrol is all the car needs to travel 60 miles (45 grams CO2 per kilometre).

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The new Ultimate Red colour further epitomises the power and desirability of the new 2008. The Access, Active and Allure levels are complemented by the new superior 'GT Line' model. This trim level is already a very popular choice on other key Peugeot models (208, 308 and 508), and adds a sporty theme with a red/black coloured features.

Grip Control – an adapted traction system – gives the 2008 its versatility on all types of terrain. It is combined with Mud & Snow (all-season) certified winter tyres. The 2008 is equipped with MirrorScreen, based on MirrorLinkTM and Apple Carplay, along with the reversing camera, Active City Brake and Park Assist – a rarity in this segment. An unparalleled dynamic performance is apparent in all versions. The Euro6 engines ensure high-level driving pleasure while remaining fuel efficient. Four versions are best-in-class in their segment, including the 1.2L PureTech 130 S&S BVM6.

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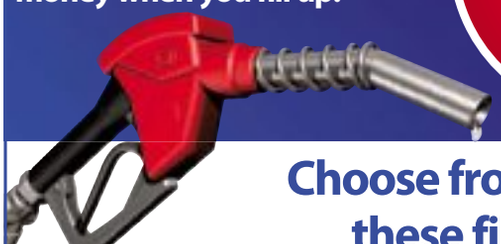

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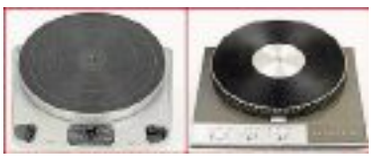

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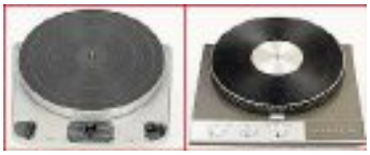

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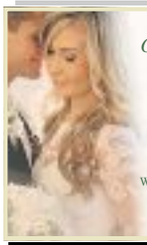

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE is given that Cambridgeshire County Council has made the following Orders pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, the effect of which:

Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide (Kings Lynn Line)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/079

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide (Kings Lynn Line) as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1382 – A1101 – A10 – B1382 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 26 March 2016 and continue until those works have finished or on the 25 September 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 22:45hrs 26 March and 09:00hrs 27 March 2016.

Lynn Road (A10), Littleport
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/082

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lynn Road (A10), Littleport as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via A10 – A142 – A141 – A47 – A1122 – A10 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 6 March 2016 and continue until those works have finished or on the 5 September 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 01:00hrs and 09:00hrs 6 March 2016.

Cromwell Road, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/083

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Cromwell Road, Ely as lies between number 16 and St Marys Street.

The alternative route for vehicles is via St Marys Street – West End – Chiefs Street – Cromwell Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate access for BT cabling and chamber works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 18 March 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 17 September 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 21:00hrs 18 March and 06:00hrs 19 March 2016.

Lisle Lane, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/096

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lisle Lane, Ely as lies between Prickwillow Road and Bell Holt.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Lisle Lane – Fore Hill – Broad Street – Station Road – A142 – Cambridge Road – St Marys Street – Lynn Road – Nutholt Lane – Newham Street – Prickwillow Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 29 February 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 28 July 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 29 February and 4 March 2016.

High Street, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/109

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along High Street, Ely as lies between Forehill and Market Place.

The Order is made to facilitate manhole repair works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 21 March 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 20 September 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 19:00hrs 21 March and 06:00hrs 22 March 2016.

Access will be maintained to properties affected by these orders.

The above Orders shall not apply to any persons lawfully engaged in connection with any works for which they are made, any member of the Police Force, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, a vehicle being used by Special Forces during the execution of their duties or to any person acting with the permission or upon the direction of a Police Officer in uniform.

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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Water Resources Act 1991 (as amended by the Water Act 2003)
Notice of application for a full licence to abstract (take) water

Exning Estate Company has applied to the Environment Agency for 1 licence. The Environment Agency is giving notice of this application (in accordance with Section 37 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and Regulation 6 of the Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006.

The application is for a full licence to abstract (take) water from a point in Main Drain south east of Ness Farm between grid references TL 60895 69547 and TL 61471 68414.

The application is to abstract water as follows:

- 83.3 cubic metres an hour
- 2000 cubic metres a day
- 150,000 cubic metres a year
- between November and March inclusive in each year.

The water will be used for summer spray irrigation.

Further details are: Exning Estate Company has applied for a licence to abstract from a drain during winter months to be stored in a reservoir and used for irrigation during the summer. The size of the reservoir is such that the Flood and Reservoir Act will apply.

The proposed abstraction lies within the Cam and Ely Ouse Abstraction Licensing Strategy reporting area.

You can see the applications and documents submitted with them at the Environment Agency: Brampton Office, Bromholme Ln, Brampton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE30 4NE during normal office hours (Monday to Friday, except bank holidays).

You can see a summary of the applications from the Public Register at **the above address** during normal office hours.

Send any representations in writing, quoting the name of the applicant and Reference Number NPS/WR/018633 to the Environment Agency, at the Water Resource Permitting & Support Centre, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Sheffield S9 4WF or by email to **PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk** by 24 March 2016.

For advice about how to make a representation call **03708 506 506.**

Date: 25 February 2016

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Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 3 West End, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB6 3AY, who died on 01/01/2016, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 02/05/2016, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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SNOOKER

PROUD: Joe Perry reached the Welsh Open semi-finals
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Perry proud of efforts in defeat to O'Sullivan

JOE Perry insists he relished the occasion and gave a good account of himself despite exiting the Welsh Open at the semi-final stage.

The Chatteris cueman came into his last-four clash with Ronnie O'Sullivan as a heavy underdog and ultimately went down 6-3 at Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena.

Perry looked back to his best as he beat the likes of Ken Doherty, Judd Trump and Ben Woollaston en route to the semi-finals.

The 41-year-old ran O'Sullivan closer than anyone else at the Welsh Open and is convinced the way he performed against the five-time world champion bodes well for the rest of the season.

"You can get carried away with the big jamboree of it all and if you don't embrace it and enjoy it, you can get swallowed up out there," said Perry.

"I stuck to my word, I went for it and took the game to him but he's just playing too well at the minute.

"There are definitely positives to take. I didn't come here in great form but I came here in good spirits and got a good few wins under my belt.

"I had a good run and gave Ronnie a good run in the semi-final, so there is plenty to look forward to. I'm a little bit disappointed but I'm pleased with the account I gave of myself."

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TABLE TENNIS

Mohan gives Ely the edge over Elsworth

KIERAN Mohan was on fine form as he helped Ely I get the better of Elsworth I 7-3 in Ely & District League, Division One.

His maximum was the highlight for the visitors, with good support coming from family members Christian and Liam Mohan.

For the hosts, Roger Fensom scored two wins and there was one for Peter Goatly.

Steve Trevanion was another maximum man as Fulbourn I beat their second team 6-4.

Martin Spott and Peters Zivtins backed him up with some good performances.

For the seconds, Nigel Bates was the pick of the bunch thanks to a couple of singles victories and success in the doubles alongside Peter Xie.

Fred Laband managed to spare Ely III's blushes as he prevented a whitewash against their clubmates Ely II in Division Two.

He was able to put a point on the board for his side by overcoming Rob Pownall in four sets.

Other than that the seconds had everything all their own way, although Laband, Simon Bickers and Neil Weir all pushed their opponents hard in many of the other battles.

In the Handicap Cup's plate competition, Impington I registered a 5-1 win over Ely IV.

The Imps took a 2-0 lead when Jeff Catlin (0) beat Karen Byford (17) and Colin Adams (10) saw off David Haslam (17), before Shirley Lumley (23) stemmed the tide with a 3-1 success over Ena Catlin (16) for Ely.

But Ely did not have any more joy as the Imps pulled away, with Adams beating Byford and both Jeff and Ena Catlin defeating Lumley.

In another plate match, Impington II's Michael Klein was man of the match even though they lost out to visitors Fulbourn II.

Klein (12) was first to the table and he beat Xie (2) in two straight legs, before Mike Johnston (12) succumbed to Bates (0) in three entertaining legs.

Anne Chambers (12) lost in two against Philip Hague (5), Klein beat Bates and Johnston lost to Hague.

Klein also fought back to defeat Hague, but Fulbourn eventually emerged 5-4 victors.

BOXING

Gill hopeful of extending unbeaten run

JORDAN Gill has high hopes of extending his unbeaten record when he takes on his next fight on the undercard of world champion Kell Brook.

Chatteris fighter Gill has been preparing for the contest, which will take place in front of 10,000 people at Sheffield's Motorpoint Arena on March 26, by sparring with British champion Ryan Burnett.

"The opponent is being finalised as we speak," said Gill, whose unbeaten record stretches to 16 wins.

"It's going to be a tough fight, hopefully over eight or 10 rounds. Preparations have been going great. I've been sparring with Ryan Burnett down in London which has been quality practice.

"The support I've received for this fight has been incredible. We've already sold hundreds of tickets."

Limited tickets are available on 01354 695211 or online at jordangill.com/shop. Coaches are going from Chatteris to Sheffield and back on the day of the fight.

RUGBY UNION

Scott Paul brace seals Tigers win

ELY earned a crushing 55-5 win over Woodbridge in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

Jerome Scott Paul touched down twice and John Dibb (pictured right), Ricky Neale, Harry Rogerson, Lory Martin, Matt McCarthy, Dan Coulson and Sam Benzie got one apiece.

McCarthy landed seven conversions, while Mitchell Kennett and Dibb shared the man-of-the-match honours.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Isleham climb to the summit

ISLEHAM under-13 leapfrogged Cambridge City to take over at the top of the S-Tech League, South Division after a 5-2 win over their nearby title rivals.

The clash between first and second got off to an excellent start for Isleham as Amy McLean fired them into an early lead.

The first half remained a close-fought affair until the stroke of half time when McLean scored her second to make it 2-0.

Cambridge City reduced the arrears at the start of the second half with a well-taken free kick, and Isleham were forced to withstand some City pressure as their opponents pushed for an equaliser.

McLean gave them some breathing space when she completed her hat-trick to make it 3-1, but City reduced the deficit again to leave the match on a knife edge.

McLean eased any Isleham nerves with two more goals to clinch a 5-2 win and secure top spot in the league.

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DOUBLE DELIGHT: Alex Theobald got two for Ely against Dereham reserves

Robins suffer scare before taking points

BRADY Stone was relieved to see Ely hold on for all three points as they beat Dereham Town reserves 3-2 in the Thurlow Nunn League, First Division.

Alex Theobald fired the hosts ahead after 27 minutes, finishing after Josh Sewell had swung in a cross.

Theobald was on hand to finish from a cross early in the second half, with Craig Neal the man providing the assist this time.

Neal then went from provider to scorer and looked to have put Ely in complete control with the third just before the hour.

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But Dereham scored twice in the space of one minute to ensure a nervous ending, with the Robins managing to see out the match for the win.

"The main thing is we got three points, but we were still a bit disappointed afterwards" said Ely boss Stone.

"It was all going well for the first 70 minutes and Harry (Reynolds, goalkeeper) had hardly had to touch the ball.

"But then we decided to let in two quick goals and we were hanging on at the end.

"It was frustrating, but it's another three points and that's the most important thing."

The result means Ely stay three points clear of the sides chasing a spot in one of the three promotion places, with them only behind second-placed Great Yarmouth on goal difference.

They now face game away to Haverhill Borough this Friday night.

Gent snatches victory at the death

JORDAN Gent grabbed a last-gasp winner for Soham as they stunned high-flying Harlow Town with a 1-0 home win in the Ryman League, North Division on Tuesday night.

Harlow came to Julius Martin Lane on the back of a run which had seen them go 14 games unbeaten stretching back to December.

Skipper Gent headed home from a corner in the third minute of added time after the keeper had come out for it and missed.

But the Greens had created a number of other chances through the match and joint-manager Dave Theobald was delighted to see his side get just what he felt their efforts deserved.

"We pride ourselves on going right to the end," said Theobald.

"We had numerous chances and it's no less than we deserve.

"We've had about five, six or seven chances to their one in the second half, and we've got our reward late on.

"Jordan Gent was absolutely fantastic, but there are plenty of others who deserve praise as well.

"The lads showed great character and determination to play for each other."

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